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'Handcuff II': Higher education braces for impact

Approval of Hancock may devastate College

By KAYLEA HUTSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

State lawmakers and Missouri Southern officials are taking a wait-and-see attitude toward a proposed amendment to the Missouri Constitution.

The proposal, dubbed Hancock II, unofficially bears the name of author U.S. Rep. Mel Hancock. It is aimed at tightening the original 1980 Hancock amendment that sets state government tax and spending limits. Hancock II would require most state tax and fee hikes to be approved by voters.

Sen. James Mathewson (R-Sedalia), president pro-tem of the Senate, said approval of the measure could be "devastating" to higher education. If the amendment is approved by voters, it would require a retroactive tax refund because the original Hancock amendment was approved in November 1980.

"The lowest (refund) estimate I've heard was \$600 million, and it may be as high as \$800 million," Mathewson said. "Only

the largest corporations or the highest 15 percent income tax bracket would be refunded. If you made \$40,000, your refund would be an estimated \$150."

College President Julio Leon said the bite to Southern and other colleges would be substantial.

"There is no question higher education and Missouri Southern will be effected," Leon said. "If that were to happen, the impact on higher education and Missouri Southern would be devastating."

"One thing I know for sure is that because higher education is part of the budget discretionary funds, when the state has needed money for other purposes it has taken from higher education."

Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson said approval of Hancock II would mean less funding—the only question is to what degree.

"If this passes, you will by necessity have smaller funds," Wilson said. "The money going to Missouri Southern will most assuredly shrink, period." Leon said any action Southern

might take would be determined only if and when Hancock II is approved. He said one option considered would be a tuition increase.

"I think it would be an option if it (Hancock II) becomes a reality. We would think about that possibility or other distasteful prospects," Leon said. "We might have to consider cutting back on our programs in order to live within the means provided to us."

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) said there are four areas within the general revenue funds which might be effected by the roll-backs: education, department of mental health, department of corrections, and department of social services. However, because both the corrections and social services departments have federally matched funds, the money in the budget is "locked into place."

"It would effect both higher education and elementary education," Burton said. "Hancock II basically handcuffs the government from being able to provide for extraordinary services not mandated."

"I agree with the voting on all issues where you increase fees. But I'd possibly like to see it [go] from this point forward rather than retroactive."

Mathewson said higher education could be among the first to feel the sting of Hancock II.

"Arguments could be made that we ought to downsize higher education before we start closing elementary and secondary schools," he said.

Speaker of the House Bob Griffin agreed with Mathewson.

"School authorities and many other civic groups have dubbed it 'Handcuff II' because they recognize its potential to imprison the future of education and government in this state," Griffin said. "The Hancock proposal completely destroys the progress we have made on behalf of education in the Outstanding Schools Act."

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Childers proposes workable tax limit

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with state government."

In his proposal, Childers sets a limit on the total amount of taxes which can be imposed by the General Assembly.

"You will never have more than 10 percent of the state budget which isn't voted on by the people of the state of Missouri," he said.

Childers said his proposal differs from Hancock II because it allows the General Assembly to have a cumulative limit of 10 percent on the amount of taxes and fees it can approve without a public vote.

"My proposal doesn't touch what is already there," he said. "Hancock II takes away from what is already there."

"All I've done is set limits. As general revenue is gained for the state, my resolution allows it to grow with the budget. So if the economy grows, you have a 10 percent (cap) of whatever the budget is."

VP SEARCH

Biologist is final candidate

By JOHN HACKER
SENIOR EDITOR

All colleges, big and small, have the same mission—provide the best education possible for their students.

The sixth and final candidate for the academic vice presidency at Missouri Southern, who comes from a small, private college in North Carolina, says his job will be to promote that mission. He will visit the campus Monday.

The candidate has asked that *The Chart* withhold his name because of the possible ramifications at his present college if he does not land the Southern job.

"People here would like me very much to stay, and if I leave there will be some heartache," he said. "If I don't get the job, I don't want there to be any discomfort here. If I do get the job, I will have an open-door policy for the newspaper and anyone else."

The candidate said he is the product of a good liberal arts education. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in biology from Occidental College in Los Angeles and his Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Florida.

He has been vice president for academic affairs at his present institution for four years. Before that he spent seven years in the administration of Nebraska Wesleyan University.

The candidate said he has strong feelings about how a college or university instructs students.

"I believe colleges should not dictate what a student becomes," he said. "The faculty should explore life and its potential with a student."

The candidate said he was "intrigued" by Joplin and the College.

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FUNNY MONEY



Lamonte Blanford, men's residence hall director, flashes a wad at Monday's Student Senate casino night.

VICE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Landis sees technology challenge

By JOHN HACKER
SENIOR EDITOR

Keeping Missouri Southern on the cutting edge of technology will be a priority of Dr. Larry Landis if he becomes the College's new vice president for academic affairs.

Landis, vice president for academic affairs at Black Hills State University in Spearfish, S.D., said making the latest comput-

er technology available to faculty and students will pose a challenge for many institutions.

"I want to be sure the faculty has the latest technology available," Landis said. "That means access to the latest in computers and multi-media technology."

Staying in the technology game is more than just buying some computers, however.

"The challenge comes about as a result of having limited resources and a heavy demand," he said. "Maintaining the state-of-the-art is always a struggle because the equipment you buy today will probably be obsolete [very soon]."

Landis has been at Black Hills State for eight years. Before that he spent 22 years at Drake University, the last six as assistant academic vice president.

He received his master's degree in social sciences from Western Illinois University and his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa.

Landis said he views himself as a facilitator.

"This means I facilitate people in their work," he said. "I don't want anyone to work for me, I want them to work with me."

Landis characterized himself

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VICE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Hegglund studies Brown after missing presidency

By JOHN HACKER
SENIOR EDITOR

If Dr. Robert Brown looked over his shoulder, he might have seen this finalist for the academic vice presidency dogging him for some time.

"Everywhere I go, he seems to be one step ahead of me," said Dr. Robert Hegglund, dean of professional studies at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

In 1993, Hegglund was one of the finalists for the presidency of Arkansas Tech University, a position that went to Brown. When Brown left Missouri Southern for Arkansas Tech, Hegglund decided on a course of action.

"I studied his background to find out what he had that I didn't," he said. "In doing that, I got very interested in Southern. I began to see what you have here, and it impressed me."

Hegglund said he believes in pushing for accreditation of certain non-accredited programs.

"I think it is very important for students," he said. "I'm especially interested in the accreditation of the business programs. Providing that is what the students and faculty want, I think we could accomplish it in a very short time. If it is not what they want, then I would back off."

Hegglund has a bachelor of science degree in industrial management from Georgia Tech University. He received a master's and Ph.D. in business administration from the University of Arkansas.

He has been at Angelo State for 22 years. In his position as dean of the college of professional studies, Hegglund heads a college that includes the departments of business, education, kinesiology (physical education),

and others. He also coordinates the university's Air Force ROTC program and the evening adult contemporary education program.

"Of the approximately 6,000 students at ASU, I have about 60 percent at ASU, I have about 40 percent at Southern as well as a sizable portion of the faculty," Hegglund said.

One of his main interests, should he be hired, would be the expansion of the international programs at Southern.

Hegglund spent the first 22 years of his life in Venezuela. That childhood imbued him with a deep respect for the cultures and languages of the people in Latin America and around the world.

"The world is a very compressed place," Hegglund said. "I want my students to be able to compete on an international level. We have to respect other cultures and people."

Hegglund said his first priority if he gets the job here will be to "observe, talk, and listen, and try to be informed about the situation here."

"I don't know much about Southern, but I like what I see—especially in the business area."

Hegglund said one of the major challenges facing colleges and universities across the country as well as Southern is doing more with less.

"Colleges are getting less and less [money], yet are expected to do more and more," he said.

He also said institutions must do more to reach the growing non-traditional student population. This would include new concepts of teaching such as distance learning.

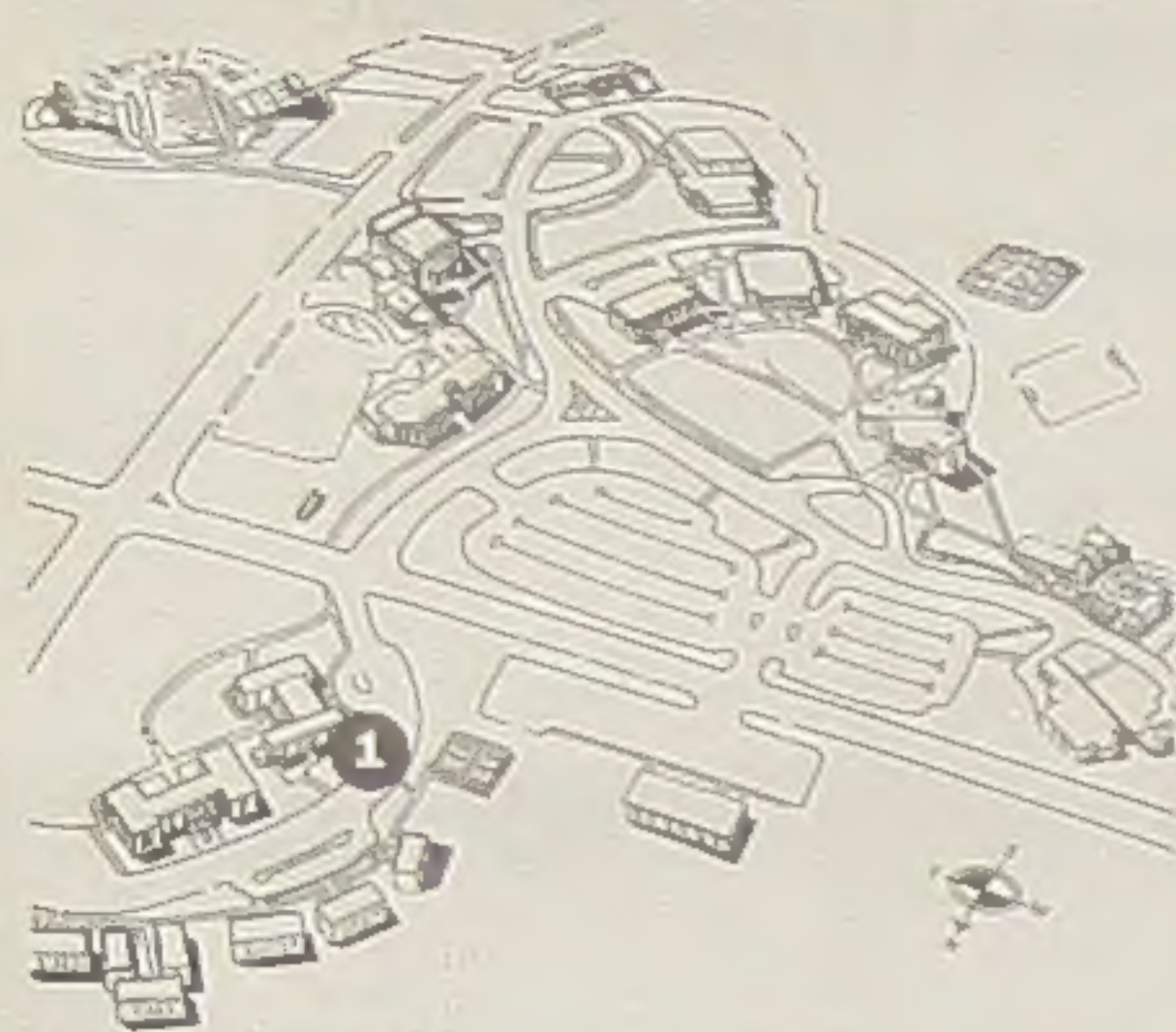
Hegglund is also concerned with access to higher education.

"Where I come from, we have a strict admissions policy," he said. "I think everyone should have the opportunity to go to college."



Hegglund

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CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT

Meeting teaches job skills

By BRANDI MANNING
STAFF WRITER

To find out how to get a job at that perfect company, students are advised to attend the career planning workshops.

Nancy Loomer, director of career planning and placement, said the focus of these workshops is to give the students and public the skills needed to make themselves attractive to a company.

"Often, it is not the person who knows the most, but rather the person who knows the most about how to market himself who gets the position," Loomer said. "Those are the things we are trying to equip the students with."

Jennifer Yazell, career services coordinator, also stressed the importance of non-academic skills in getting a job.

"I think the most important thing is for the students to learn the skills they need in order to be successful in their own job search," Yazell said.

The workshops, which began Monday, continue today and tomorrow from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. in Webster Hall Room 105. An evening session will be held tonight from 5:30 to 8:30 in Room 103 of Matthews Hall.

The daily sessions cover such topics as becoming marketable in the new economy, job searching tools, successful interviews, building your professional image, and business manners.

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Program simulates cadaver study

Through the multimedia project initiated last fall by Steve Earnley, assistant vice president for information services, the biology department acquired a program to simulate dissection of human cadavers.

"It was a pilot project where people on campus could buy software to begin multimedia programs," said Dr. John Messick, head of the biology

department. "Each of the schools was encouraged to investigate bringing multimedia into the classroom."

ADAM, Animated Dissection of Anatomy for Medicine, is beneficial for biology students because it is "perhaps the best supplement that has come along" for learning about the human body other than the study of cadavers, Messick said.

The system integrates microscopic anatomy with gross anatomy.

Messick said ADAM began mainly for medical schools. After the explosion of multimedia, the company saw a potential for an undergraduate program, he said.

"Students have been very interested in the program," Messick said.

Currently, the department has one copy of the program. Messick said he hopes to be able to access the program in the laboratory after fiber optic cable is installed across campus. He also said buying more copies of the program is in his proposed budget for next year.

Messick said he is pleased with the program and the company.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Groups schedule read-in

Women may have come a long way, but with efforts like the women's literature read-in, organizers hope more people may go further.

The read-in, organized by the English Club and Sigma Tau Delta, will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, March 25 in the Spiva Library lounge. Dr. Doris Walters, Sigma Tau Delta sponsor, said the works will pertain to both sexes despite being "women's literature."

"If we're going to understand our Western culture, we need to understand what it is to be a woman as well as what it means to be a man," she said. "It leads

to a deeper understanding of women; if he (a man) is going to have a relationship with women, it is an important thing to know."

Authors to be read include Virginia Woolf, Alice Walker, Mary Wollstonecraft, Charlotte Bronte, Amy Lowell, and Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

Walters also points to fairness as a reason to highlight such works because women consistently are exposed to literature written from the male viewpoint.

She suggested that much has changed since her college days. Walters said in her American novel class, there were no women writers presented.

ART DEPARTMENT

Art competition set

This semester, entries for the Southern Showcase Art Contest will be taken from Monday, March 14 to Wednesday, March 30.

The contest is held each semester by the Missouri Southern Art League. Val Christiansen, adviser for the League, invites any student to take part in the contest.

"This is for any student across campus," Christiansen said. "Naturally most of the entries do come from the art department, but it is not exclusively for art majors."

The categories a student can enter include drawing, paint-

ing, graphics, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, and print-making or photography. Cash awards will be given for first place in each category. One piece will be chosen as best in show and also given an award.

The winners will be announced on April 1, with the pieces exhibited April 2-9.

Entry fee for the contest is \$1 for Art League members and \$3 for non-members; five entries is the maximum.

The Art League is open to all students on campus and meets every Friday at noon in Room 305 of the art building.

Student disciplinary action raises concern

Whether disciplinary actions should be taken against students about incidents not connected to the College is a newly raised question.

Ken DeLaughter, senior communications major, recently incurred such actions for using obscene language while judging a Joplin-Webb City debate tournament on Feb. 12.

"I said the 'f' word in front of four high school students," he said. "I immediately recognized my error and apologized."

DeLaughter said he is prohib-

ited from judging district high school tournaments. He was suspended from all Southern debate functions from the week after the Feb. 12 meet to March 1. He missed the Heart of America tournament and much of the practice for nationals.

"I'm banned from judging high school debate in the district; I see that as a just punishment," DeLaughter said. "However, the suspension not only hurt my chances at winning the national championship, it also hurt my debate partner (Georgette Oden)."

Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, said he received a complaint about DeLaughter after the tournament.

Dolence said statements about such conduct are covered in the student handbook. However, according to the 1993-94 handbook, all the College-wide policies apply "to the campus, to College-controlled property, to College-sponsored and College-supervised functions." The tournament did not fit any of those descriptions.

Dolence also said the matter of discipline was given to the com-

munications department. Richard Massa, communications department head, had no comment.

DeLaughter said a committee of three faculty was formed to advise what punishment was due. Yet one concern he has is no one asked him his side of things before judgments were made on the situation.

"There was no attempt of due process by anyone," he said. "I do feel that [written rules] would be needed. Without any rules set down by the College, punishments become arbitrary."

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STUDENT SENATE

Three allocation requests draw scrutiny

By PAULA SMITH
CAMPUS EDITOR

Allocation requests again drew scrutiny during last night's Student Senate meeting.

Every funding request was amended with only one group receiving the full allocation. The allocations drew fire as the Senate nears the end of its budget with nine weeks of classes remaining.

"If we were to approve everything that we have on the docket currently, we would only have \$67.36 left," said John Weedn, freshman senator.

Omicron Delta Kappa, the only group to receive what was originally requested, was allocated

\$273.81 to cover housing expenses for three members to attend the ODK national convention March 24-27 in Lexington, Ky.

"The national convention is held every two years, and we are required to send one voting delegate," said Dorcia Meares, ODK president. "We would like to keep money in our treasury because our membership kind of carries over."

Meares said the group initiates juniors each year and needed to keep some funds within the treasury for the incoming members' activities.

Brian Rash, Senate treasurer, said the finance committee was split over the allocation and could not make a recommendation.

"Realizing their travel was being paid, that still leaves their treasury balance at \$156.56 after the \$273.81 is subtracted from their fund," Rash said. "The other half of the committee felt that would deplete their budget too much."

A motion was made and seconded to allocate ODK \$273.81. Discussion followed in which senators discussed if those who were members of ODK could vote on the amendment. After two hand counts and one roll-call vote, the allocation passed.

A two-thirds vote was required to allocate the Student Athletic Trainers \$670.50 for eight students to attend the District Five Athletic Trainers' Convention. The two-thirds vote was needed

SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Replacing Smith 'just not possible'

By CHAD HAYWORTH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

By any account, Dr. Robert Smith had a profound effect on the social science department, as well as all of Missouri Southern and the surrounding community.

"He had the respect of everyone in our department and on this campus," said Dr. David Tate, social science department head. "He was well thought of for both his teaching and his scholarship."

Smith, 56, died at 10:55 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 from injuries he sustained in an automobile accident earlier that morning at 27th Street and Indiana Avenue—a block from his



Smith

house. The car he was driving was struck on the driver's side by a JEMS ambulance as Smith attempted to turn left onto Indiana.

A professor of history since 1972, Smith was well known for his work with the Wyandotte Indian Tribe of northeast Oklahoma. An honorary member of the tribe, he edited the books *Keeper of the Council Fires* and *Oklahoma's Forgotten Indians*.

Smith was born Sept. 28, 1937, in Brooklyn, N.Y. He received a bachelor's degree from Northwest Missouri State University and master's and doctorate degrees from Oklahoma State University.

Smith was well respected by his students as well, Tate said.

"He was kind and fair," he said. "He was very student-oriented. He interacted with students outside of the classroom, and they relished that."

College President Julio Leon said Smith would be missed by the College.

"He was one of those first few professors after we made the transition to a four-year institution who really helped shape the future of our curriculum," he said. "His dedication to his students and the classroom was well known."

Smith is survived by his wife, Anna; a son, Rob, former editor-in-chief of *The Chart*, now of Junction City, Kan.; a daughter, Theresa Whittington of Springfield; and a granddaughter.

Although Smith's classes have been taken over by Missouri Southern graduate Julie Jones, Tate said replacing him would be inconceivable.

"I'm sure we will look at a lot of historians," he said. "But you just don't go out and replace somebody like Bob Smith. It's just not possible."

HISTORY LECTURE

Texas professor to speak on war

The Civil War invades the Missouri Southern campus in a lecture by a University of Houston history professor at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10 in Webster Hall auditorium.

The lecture by Dr. Joseph Glatthaar, sponsored by Phi Alpha Theta (the international history honor society) and the Social Science Club, is based on his most recent book, *Partners in Command: The Relationship Between Leaders in the Civil War*.

Glatthaar, a military historian, has written numerous articles on Civil War history.

He won the Society of Military History's Best Book Award in 1990 for *Forged in Battle: The Civil War Alliance of Black Soldiers and White Officers*.

According to Virginia Laas, assistant professor of history at Southern, those who attend the lecture can expect to learn how the armies and leaders of the Civil War worked.

"He is a wonderful scholar and has done incredible research," she said. "He's really comfortable with these people, and knows these people well enough to make judgments about them and their relationships."

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Listen up: Everyone must diligently protect their right to privacy

How private is your private life? With the latest technology, it is possible to build a detailed model of an individual's life. Behavior, political views, sexual proclivities, social networks, and travel itineraries all can be developed by examining telephone calling patterns and credit card purchases. By accessing this information, it would be just a matter of sifting through the data before some of a person's most personal data becomes public (or government) knowledge. This isn't science fiction, either. Just this week, the Clinton administration began seeking legislation that would greatly expand the personal information available to law enforcement officials. Forgive us if we seem a bit melodramatic, but the whole idea is a little too Orwellian for our comfort. The good news is that there is a voice of reason

fighting to be heard in Jefferson City. Rep. Sheila Lumpe (D-University City) has introduced two pieces of legislation that would slow the march of government intrusion. House Joint Resolution 40 calls for a constitutional amendment providing a right to privacy, and House Bill 1534 would establish a task force on protecting privacy in the information age.

The bad news is that the pro-life lobby will do everything in its power to sandbag the constitutional measure and the government will fight like mad to get the expanded powers it covets.

It falls upon us, as citizens, to join Lumpe and shout long and loud for our privacy. Only as a collective voice will we get through the special-interest noise.

No thanks: Hancock II promises help, will deliver only heartache

Mel, you're giving us hell. U.S. Rep. Mel Hancock's long arms are reaching from Washington, D.C. to Jefferson City and really messing things up. His petition-based drive to tighten the original Hancock amendment could force the state to pay millions in refunds, mostly to corporations and the wealthy. These refunds would cripple state programs, and because higher education is such a large slice of the pie, guess where lawmakers will dig in for the

first bite. If Hancock II passes, legislators will scramble to find money to pay the refunds, college officials will clamor to raise tuition, and guess who will take it on the chin? Whatever refunds students get will be quickly gobbled up by the higher fees. Sen. James Mathewson, president pro-tem of the Senate, calls the proposal an "absolute attack on the state." Others call it "Handcuff II." We call it idiotic.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

We're all Americans

Olympic support goes beyond race issue

Last week there was a column in *The Chart* concerning the Olympics and how one man saw them as racially biased and viewed them with a sense of apathy.

He mentioned that the "young black youth from a middle-class background does not have the financial capability to ski Vail several times during the course of the winter."

That seems quite ironic, because as a young white youth from a middle-class background, I have yet to hit the slopes of Vail even one time during my life. The difference between us as I see it is quite obvious.

While I sat at home watching the United States in Lillehammer, I wasn't concerned with what color the team members were. They were Americans, and that's all that mattered.

I feel this way during both the winter and the summer Olympics. Remember those? They entail track and field, swimming and diving, gymnastics, and basketball.

While Jackie Joyner-Kersey was winning medal after medal for the USA, I didn't think that she was just a black woman who was in the Olympics. I saw her as an American, and she symbolized what America is about. Every athlete who competes in the games is an example to other countries of what America is.

I know that when my brother turns on his TV to watch college hoops on a Saturday, he doesn't condemn the NCAA for a court-full of African-

Americans. He watches the game and roots for his favorite team as if his best friend played on that team.

When I go over to my boyfriend's house, he and his roommates have yet to say "Boy, I really like college basketball, but I wish they'd have more white males playing." They realize that the

people on the court are the best that colleges in America have to offer, and if they happen to be black, then so be it.

They don't feel denied of

the opportunity to have played college hoops and possibly have a professional career simply because they didn't grow up playing hoops on the streets of the inner city.

I think that before we, as a society, are able to fully function, we must all be willing to take a step back and look at what is going on, not as African-Americans or Caucasians, but as an entire society.

We have come such a long way in getting along with each other; let's not hold ourselves back with views that only hinder our effort. We need to work together.

It's 1994. I'm not saying to forget our pasts, for we all need to hold onto our roots. However, we do need to move on and realize that what happened in the past is not relevant to what is happening now.

The world is a different place than it was more than 100 years ago.

Anyone is capable of being anything they want, and if they are determined enough, nothing will stand in their way.

IN PERSPECTIVE

Comfortably numb

American culture often lacks passion

At the first meeting of my Theatre Appreciation classes, in an effort to learn something about my new students, I ask them their names, majors, and one thing in life for which they have a passion.

I get a variety of answers, most of which are humorous. I have been asking this question every semester for three years. Each time, as I listen to the vague answers, I wonder at the increasing lack of passion in

our American lives. We seem to have turned off our emotions at a gut level. Now, I haven't based my findings entirely on responses which have no bearing on the students' final grades, but these responses have prompted me to look at myself and those around me a little closer.

It's been almost three years since I traveled to Czechoslovakia (now the Czech Republic) and the Soviet Union (now the Russian Republic). Shortly after my return I was invited to write my perspective for this newspaper. I had to decline because I was still too confused to know what my perspective was.

I was most impressed with the passion for life exhibited by the people of both countries, and the order in which

they placed their priorities. Material items which we consider necessities were placed far beneath their need to express themselves both politically and artistically.

These people had a spark, a vitality, a passion which I've rarely seen in Americans. Maybe it comes from living on the edge as they do. They're never sure what's coming next politically, and the uncertainty is expressed in their art.

Great lengths were taken to make theatre audiences feel something, even if it was disgust or distaste. Anything was fair play as long as it cut through numbness to the human soul beneath. How many of us would be willing to trade in the safety of our insulate worlds for that spark of passion?

I sometimes wonder if our numbness is an unfortunate necessity, a protection we need to survive in our culture, or a comfortable by-product of the American dream. I am a product of the baby boom, the first TV generation. I associated TV with fictional information. Howdy Doody, Donna Reed, and *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.*

When I started to see wars, riots, and other violence on the TV news, I must

— Please turn to JAROS, page 5

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and should include a phone number for verification purposes. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall or fax them to (417) 625-9742 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Accessibility mars commencement ceremony

[Editor's note: A copy of this letter was also sent to College President Julio Leon.]

I am a full-time enrolled student at MSSC. I plan to graduate this May with my bachelor's degree in nursing. I am taking this time to correspond with you about a potential problem that will occur during the graduation ceremony.

I graduated with my A.S. degree in nursing from MSSC in May 1992. During that commencement ceremony, I became acutely aware of the severely inadequate provisions made for the handicapped persons in attendance. My mother, you see, has multiple sclerosis and is confined to a wheelchair. During the 1992 commencement ceremony she was segregated from the other family members and placed in a white box on the north end of the bleachers along with many other disabled persons. This box is practically inaccessible by

wheelchair and was extremely crowded with the other disabled.

In addition, my parents were forced to park a far distance from the stadium in the large gravel parking lot on the south end of the stadium. Have you ever tried to push a wheelchair on large gravel? It was almost impossible and required her being carried most of the way. I felt that this treatment was inexcusable.

These people have driven hundreds of miles to witness the graduation of their loved ones and then are subjected to this kind of treatment. Your institution should be ashamed. These individuals struggle every day to maintain their dignity. They deserve better.

I have several suggestions which I wish to propose. (1) The area just in front of the bleachers on the floor of the stadium where many non-disabled persons have been seated in the past should be reserved for the disabled and their families, and (2) an area just north of the stadium be reserved exclu-

sively for parking of their vehicles. The road down to the stadium floor would allow easy access to the proposed seating area.

I believe the adoption of these recommendations would allow these persons more independence and dignity, instead of segregation and disgrace. Remember that the way we treat the less fortunate is a direct measure of our society. I realize that you are not directly responsible for the planning of the ceremony, but I trust that you will pass these recommendations to the appropriate party. I have also taken the liberty to send a copy of this letter to the school newspaper, *The Chart*. If you would like to discuss this situation, please feel free to contact me at any time. I look forward to a response in the near future.

Jeffrey L. Peterson RN/EMT-P
Carthage

Fate is the friend of the good, the guide of the wise, the tyrant of the foolish, the enemy of the bad.

—William Rounseville Alger

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GLOBAL VIEWS

'Miserable conditions' root of revolt in Mexico

Rebels want to be considered belligerent party to govern-

By RODOLPHO SCHWEIZER
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF
COMMUNICATIONS

The most outstanding news from Latin America has been, so far in 1994, the First of January uprising of the Mayas and mestizos of the state of Chiapas in the south of Mexico. It shocked the government of president Salinas de Gortari and forced the resignation of the Minister of Interior and the governor of Chiapas. The rebels captured many towns, a former governor and other officials, which brought about the intervention of the Mexican



Schweizer

army. At least one hundred people were killed in the operation and many government buildings were set ablaze.

The rebellion called for immediate international attention. Organizations like Amnesty International denounced indiscriminate repression of civilians by the military. International pressure obliged the government of Mexico to stop its military operations while the rebels retired into the depths of the jungle. On February 21 official conversations began under an international umbrella of the Red Cross and the patronage of the Catholic Church, at the cathedral of San Cristobal de Las Casas. That day, fifteen representatives of the Zapatista Liberation Army met with representatives of the government.

The uprising had its roots in an already-too-long cynical lack

of knowledge of the miserable condition of the population. The Catholic Church had been denouncing through Bishop Samuel Ruiz, current mediator in the conflict, the destitute life of almost three million people. In San Cristobal alone, unemployment exceeds 60%, 78% of the population lives in overcrowded shacks, 66% lack electricity and 40% lack sewers and water. More than 40% of the people are illiterate and 62% never completed sixth grade. The reaction of the government of Mexico had been, before the uprising, to exert pressure on the Vatican to remove bishop Ruiz, giving rise to a public conflict between the community and the government.

The position of the rebels is interesting to analyze. From the beginning they wanted to be considered a "belligerent party." This meant they didn't want to be considered just rebels, but an official counterpart in the political system of Mexico. They

launched the revolt the same day NAFTA went into effect, which was done on purpose, according to international news. They are laying claim to free health, an urban reform, salaries equivalent to what the foreign corporations pay to their own workers in their country of origin and price controls. The government, in turn, doesn't want to discuss national policies and to limit the problem to Chiapas. So far, considerable progress has been done in the discussions.

It was important to see in the news that the rebels showed an image that departs from our common idea of the local people's apparent humbleness. They carried modern weaponry and used modern military tactics to take instantaneous power. The government and the Mexican army were taken, evidently, off-guard. However, the mythical environment, still alive in the region, gave the rebellion yet another perspective. The Mayan peasants saw

the Zapatista Army as part of the legend surrounding Quetzalcoatl, the mythical god that will come back to liberate them from oppression. This religious perspective, as we know well from other world examples, can give the rebellion a more far reaching outlook, especially if we do not forget that 35 miles south, in Guatemala, there has been another war going on for 30 years that cost, so far, 100,000 deaths.

Also interesting is the historical context of the uprising. Nobody could understand how Mexico, having a similar social situation to Guatemala and El Salvador, had managed to avoid, so far, the fight the embraced its neighbors. The conditions of social misery are the same in the region and certifies, once more, the failure of the Mexican Revolution of 1910 and the PRI (Partido Revolucionario Institucional), in power for 64 years, as a leading changing force. Indeed, if we

consider the news in The Joplin Globe of February 20, about how the government of Mexico has been speculating with its help to the poor of Chiapas in order to keep alive the possibilities of maintaining the PRI in power, we can not avoid some conclusion about the illness of the political system in that country. The uprising has not been a surprise. It should not be underestimated, in the face of political cynicism on one side, and the charisma and capacity of leadership of the rebels to bring the government to a negotiating table on the other, the possibility that the South of Mexico may become a war-torn region in the future if a satisfactory and profound solution is not reached. And again, the implications of the conflict expose at a national level the necessity for improving democracy, through the opening of the political system, so more of the common people can participate in the making of decisions.

The Information Line

Job Tips from the Professionals

For a successful interview, a good first impression is a must. Many jobs are lost due to poor interviewing techniques even though the interviewee is the most qualified candidate. To make the right impression, the following do's and don'ts are helpful.

DO'S

- Have a good appearance. Groom well and wear a clean and pressed outfit.
- Have good eye contact, posture and a pleasant, understandable speaking voice.
- Be on time and plan to arrive at least 10 minutes early. Allow extra time for traffic, getting lost, and finding a place to park your car.
- Drive a clean and orderly car to an interview in case a potential employer sees it.
- Go in with the attitude to help the company.
- Use your ears twice as much as you do your mouth during an interview.

DON'TS

- Don't smell. Make sure

your breath and teeth are clean (no gum), your fragrance subtle, and you are smoke free.

• Going to an interview if you are not feeling well is not advisable as you cannot be or look your best. Reschedule.

• Never park next to a coin-fied meter. Use a parking lot instead. By doing so, you will not have to worry about your car being towed or have to leave during your interview to feed a meter monkey.

• Do not bring your spouse, children, parents, or friends with you.

• It is not good to state negatives about present or past employers even if true. You will be remembered as a person with a negative attitude.

• Do not interrupt or finish the interviewer's statements.

For more do's and don'ts of job hunting read *Job Search Secrets* by Michael Latax. Ask for it at your college library or bookstore. To order direct, call 1-800-240-JOBS.

U.S. FOREIGN RELATIONS

Clinton attempts to soothe Europe

THE ECONOMIST

A specter has been haunting Western Europe. This time, it has nothing to do with Karl Marx. Instead, it takes the form of Uncle Sam—with his back turned.

For sending shivers down Europe's spine, Bill Clinton's administration can only blame itself. White House advisers accept that the administration sent some "bad signals" last year. Officials with their minds elsewhere (usually domestic policy) seemed careless of old friends.

To calm Europe's fears, Clinton came to the NATO summit in Brussels and gave a sermon on alliances. Yet, in weeks, America was at odds with two close allies: Britain and France.

As European diplomats reminisced about the Bush administration, Bush people indulged in criticism of the Clinton crowd. Clinton is sensitive to criticism.

The grumbles are forcing changes in his European policy. So are the developments in Russia and Bosnia.

Without a Soviet threat, does Europe need America's protective presence? Does America need its involvement in Europe? Yes.

New security worries make the European allies keen to keep American around. Among other reasons, the Bosnian disaster has shown that much of post-communist Europe is fragile, and the Europeans cannot or will not undertake a serious military operation without Americans.

Americans have plenty of lessons to learn their own history—a history that includes fighting three wars in Europe this century. Withdrawal and isolationism after 1918 proved a terrible mistake; America was soon back in another European conflict.

LURIE'S WORLD



"Eb... the pea will probably be gone by the morning."

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Egg farm: 6.6 earthquake breaks fewer eggs than employees

By CHUCK SHEPHERD
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

The epicenter of the January California earthquake is five miles from the United States' largest egg farm, where hens had produced their usual one million eggs before the quake hit. The damage to the farm was a snapped water line, toppled empty egg pallets, and a only one broken egg. Said manager Robert Wagner to his employees, "We had a 6.6 earthquake that broke less eggs than you guys do when we're working."

LAST DAYS OF THE PLANET

In a report in a recent issue of *Audubon* magazine, Ursula Garza de Garza of the border town of Matamoros, Mexico,

mentioned that her dogs no longer have a flea problem. "We grab the dogs and stick them in the canal (that connects several Matamoros chemical companies), and the fleas are gone. All the hair falls off, too, but gradually it comes back."

The *Washington Times*, citing a Federal Protective Service report, revealed in May that staff and volunteers of the Clinton inaugural stole \$154,000 worth of equipment used in the festivities.

In January, an investigation by a British network TV news program revealed that the late Ferdinand Marcos' stashed-away gold fortune totals 1,200 tons—the equivalent of 15 percent of the contents of Fort Knox and about one percent of all the gold ever mined in the world.

To protect its town Christmas tree from thieves and vandals this season, the city on Moncton, New Brunswick, enclosed its 20-foot-high tree inside a 10-foot-high chain-link pen for the duration of the holidays.

According to the newspaper feature "Earth Week," Australia has recently employed 80 hens as sentinels so authorities will know when an expected invasion of mosquitoes on the central Queensland coast has started, and Russia has recently employed rats at the border to munch on samples of Chinese potatoes to check their edibility.

In January, five prison guards at the Boise, Idaho, Maximum Security Institution were accused of taunting death row inmates by playing a 1971 Neil

Young song "The Needle and the Damage Done" during a scheduled execution-by-injection.

FETISHES ON PARADE

In November, Sharon Ryan, a former patient and employee of renowned diet doctor Walter Kempner, filed a lawsuit against him in Durham, N.C., alleging that they had a long-term affair during which he physically and emotionally abused her. Among the accusations was that Kempner spanked Ryan's bare buttocks with a riding crop. In December, Kempner, 91, said he once hit Ryan with a riding crop at her request because she said she needed punishment for failing to stick to the diet he had prescribed.

The *London Independent's* Weekly magazine reported in November on the Hush-a-Bye Baby Club in southern England, whose adult male members dress as female infants and refer to themselves as "Baby Michelle," "Baby Cathy," etc. "Mummy Clare" runs the club, charging about \$110 a night (\$140 for non-members), which includes baby food, bottled milk and diaper service.

In East Bernstadt, Ky., in December, Jimmy Humfleet, 33, was charged with the murder of his uncle, Samuel Humfleet. According to the local sheriff, Jimmy said he did it because he caught Samuel having sex with a pit bull belonging to the owner of the trailer in which they had been partying. In fact, Jimmy had called 911

twice that evening to report the molesting. A deputy shot and killed the dog later that evening because it was foaming at the mouth and had attacked him. An autopsy on Samuel turned up no dog hairs or evidence of molestation.

THE WEIRDO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

Dr. Walter H. Kaye, reporting in a recent medical journal, found that female bulimics retained around 1,200 calories of food after they purged—no matter how much food they had taken in or what their regurgitation rate was. Kaye and his colleagues came to this conclusion by carefully studying the content of the subjects' vomitus.

CANDIDATE, from page 1

"I knew of the community because of my work at Nebraska Wesleyan," he said. "I'd like to work at a larger school. There are much better opportunities for personal advancement. I also like the international education emphasis."

The candidate said he was impressed with Southern's environment, which he perceived to be

a caring, family-type atmosphere. He said his first priority if he is hired will be to gather information about Southern.

"When I came to my present college, I invited the faculty in small groups to meet with me," the candidate said. "We looked at the strengths of the college, the weaknesses of the college, and the threats it faced."

The college the candidate now works at has an enrollment of about 1,600. He said the difference in size would have little effect on his ability to do the job.

"I will always be involved in the one fundamental question facing colleges and universities," he said. "That is how to offer the best education for our students. The other questions are ques-

tions of scale."

He said the differences between private institutions, where he has spent the bulk of his career, and public institutions are minimal when it comes to that basic question.

"There will always be structural differences, but the students are always at the center," the candidate said.

LANDIS, from page 1

Landis characterized himself as "strong, high energy, and proactive."

"I'm very concerned about strategic planning," he said. "Scanning my environment allows me to be pro-active in planning."

Landis is particularly interested in continuing education for non-traditional students.

"One of the biggest population groups in the future will be retired people," he said. "I'm not sure that higher education is moving quickly enough to recognize that social manifestation."

"I like the size of the school and its organizational structure," he said.

His first priority if he is hired will be to get to know the College.

"I need to learn about the institution and its needs," Landis said. "Once we get the needs identified, I will try to move the institution to solving them."

On a national scale Southern, along with other colleges and universities, faces the task of maintaining the integrity of higher education, Landis said.

"On a national setting there

are a whole series of studies saying that higher education is not getting the job done," he said.

While he is proud of what he has accomplished, Landis said he could have done nothing without the help of others.

"Anything I am is the result of what others put into me. I literally stand on the shoulders of giants."

JAROS, from page 4

have associated them with fiction too, because they certainly didn't seem real.

Three years ago we watched the Gulf war LIVE...just like *Saturday Night Live*. We saw the most frightening footage over and over and over again until we became numb. Was the numbness due to the fact that it was on TV and thereby associated with fiction, or was it a defense we needed because the reality was inconceivable? In the last year we've heard and seen reports of drive-by and mass shootings in post offices, fast-food restaurants, on commuter trains and in Wal-Mart stores. Most of these gunmen didn't even know their victims. They weren't angry. These acts were so against the human spirit that they must

have been numb or in some other state of unreality to commit them.

Maybe now is the time to return to the arts and humanities in our culture. As our culture becomes less personal and more computerized, we need to balance our lives with things which remind us that we are warm-blooded human beings, which draw out our feelings, our passions. According to Danila Koro-godsky, a Russian theatrical designer who has worked in this country for the past three years, "It's (art) a form of perception which provides certain protection for the society against moral and societal illness." He was talking about our country, not his.

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Today 3

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Koinonia lunch, basement of Stegge Hall (Apt. B).
 Noon to 1 p.m.—LDSSA, BSC 313.
 Noon to 1 p.m.—Ecumenical Campus Ministries, BSC 306.
 2:15 p.m. to 3 p.m.—National Broadcasting Society/Alpha Epsilon Rho, Webster Hall first floor conference room.
 2:30 p.m.—Oxford program meeting, BSC 2nd floor lounge.

Tomorrow 4

4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Orientation Leaders meeting, Connor Ballroom, BSC.

Saturday 5

11 p.m.—Black Collegians dance, Connor Ballroom, BSC.

Sunday 6

7 p.m.—Wesley Foundation presents "Sunday Nite Live," First United Methodist Church, 4th and Byers.

Monday 7

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.—Environmental Conference, BSC 314.
 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.—Faculty Senate, BSC 313.
 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Phi Eta Sigma, BSC 311.
 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Greek Council, BSC 314.
 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.—Sigma Nu, BSC 313.
 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—CAB movie, "Hard Target," Rated R, Admission \$5.00, BSC 2nd floor lounge.

Tuesday 8

8 a.m. to 9 p.m.—Administrative Council, BSC 310.
 Noon to 1 p.m.—LDSSA, BSC 310.
 Noon to 1 p.m.—Newman Club, BSC 306.
 Noon to 1 p.m.—Math League, Connor Ballroom, BSC.
 Noon to 1 p.m.—Newman, BSC 306-306.
 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—CAB movie, "Hard Target," BSC 2nd floor lounge.
 7 p.m.—Koinonia, College Heights Christian Church.
 7:30 p.m.—International Film Festival presents "The Father," sponsored by the Missouri Southern Film Society, Matthews Hall auditorium.
 9 p.m.—Kappa Alpha Order, Geology Lab, Reynolds Hall.

Wednesday 9

9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.—FBLA, BSC 3rd floor.
 5:30 p.m.—Student Senate.

March 11

History Day

March 14-18

Spring Break

Career Seekers
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Meeting March 15
 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.—
 Guest speaker: Marvin Wescott, employment services supervisor at Joplin Job Service.
 Expected topic: How to apply for state jobs.

CAB LECTURE

84¢ can take you far, says traveler

Author to speak Wednesday

By JESSICA HYATT
 STAFF WRITER

World travel on a shoestring is the focus of Gil White's lecture "Europe and the World on 84 Cents a Day."

The presentation, sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Matthews Hall auditorium. It is free and open to the public.

White's lecture, based on his book by the same title (now out of print), comes from his travel experiences. A world traveler, he

saw 30 countries in four months for less than \$1,000.

"I want to show students that they don't have to spend \$5,000 or \$6,000 or \$7,000 to travel," White told *The Chart*.

White believes traveling cheaply can be more enriching than traveling first-class.

"If you travel with a tour group you never meet the people," he said. "Traveling first-class does not expose you to the culture."

In the lecture, White will share ideas for getting free accommodations and transportation, including staying with local residents

and hitchhiking. Success in using these methods depends on the individual traveler.

"Compare me to some hippie guy, for example," he said. "He

ing the mother tongue is not vital to successful travel abroad.

"People always appreciate it," White said. "It's always nice to learn a few words. The problem

repaying their hospitality.

"When I travel, I always try to repay people, either by doing chores or giving them a gift," White explained.

He believes the best gifts are ones that can fit in a backpack, such as cassette tapes or sweat-shirts.

To White, travel is an important aspect of global understanding.

"In the U.S. there is so much crime, and we tend to take our prejudices with us," he said. "We must learn that people are the same everywhere."

"They may look different and speak a different language, but we're really the same."

"We must learn that people are the same everywhere. They may look different and speak a different language, but we're really the same."

— Gil White

might have more problems getting a safe ride. You want to be as clean-cut as possible."

Because English is a second language in many countries, speak-

with that, though, is that people might think you know the language fluently."

When staying with native hosts, he stresses the importance of

ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

The Black-American Literature Read-In held last Friday was part of the campus celebration of Black History Month. Dr. Bill Kumbler, assistant professor of English, reads some poetry by Maya Angelou.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Group returns from trip

Team receives delegation award

By JESSICA HYATT
 STAFF WRITER

Delegates to this year's Midwest Model United Nations (MMUN) returned to Missouri Southern with an award and an increased awareness of the world.

The Southern delegation, which represented Germany, received an outstanding delegation award at the conference held Feb. 23-26 in St. Louis. This is the third year the College received an award at the MMUN.

The award was received for the delegation's participation in the International Court of Justice (ICJ), a simulation of the UN's World Court in The Hague, Netherlands, in a case pitting the Russian Federation against Germany.

"This is the case that might arise if Russia...sued the new

United Germany to honor all of the treaties that East Germany entered into with them," said Dr. Paul Teverow, assistant professor of history and faculty sponsor.

The delegation also dealt with a variety of financial, legal, social and humanitarian, and political issues during meetings of the General Assembly.

Vannessa Tomlinson, a junior history major, believes her experience with the MMUN was worthwhile.

"I learned a lot about the working of the United Nations," she said, "both the things that can be accomplished and the barriers encountered by cooperating between diverse countries."

Cliff VanBuren, also a junior history major, agrees with Tomlinson that MMUN is a valuable experience.

"The Model United Nations is a great experience for anyone interested in how politics really work," he said.

According to Teverow, partici-

pants will soon be gearing up to represent the Czech Republic in next year's MMUN. They will use libraries, national embassies, UN documents files at the University of Kansas, and the Internet computer network to research the Czech Republic's positions on a variety of international issues.

Teverow said representing a former Eastern Bloc nation may pose special problems.

"A position is controlled by a number of factors," he explained. "The Czechs want a good relationship with the West, but it is also close to Russia."

"In a time when we (the United States) may be facing strained relations with Russia, that may make it difficult for the Czech Republic."

An example of such an issue is Czech response to the conflict in Bosnia.

"Obviously they want peace to come to the area," Teverow said. "But I'm not sure that they're thrilled about outside troops coming to the area."

"With this theme, there is a lot we can do, but we need ideas and people we can delegate work to."

This year's theme will be "Tropical Fun Just 'Lion' In The Sun." For the first time, this year's activities have been scheduled for the first week in May rather than the second

CAB PERFORMANCE

Chinese acrobats to entertain here

By PAULA SMITH
 CAMPUS EDITOR

Amazing acrobatic feats will be performed by the Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 in Taylor Auditorium. Admission is free.

The performance is sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

"They're fabulous," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, of the acrobats.

Carlisle said she saw the group when it came to Missouri Southern in 1987. She said she enjoyed the show.

"They are wonderful people," she said. "They interact well with the audience."

Carlisle said "they love kids" and that the show is for the entire family.

Several acts are performed by the group, said Dixie Bechtold, CAB cultural affairs executive.

"They make a ring of fire that they jump through, a pagoda of chairs, foot juggling, and a balancing act," Bechtold said.

The acrobats are an extended family from Tai Pei, China, Carlisle said.

She said the group's agent contacted the CAB with dates they were available.

"Taylor was available on that date, so we called them back and scheduled the performance," Carlisle said.

CAB is bringing the acrobats to Southern for a \$5,000 fee.

GRAPHICS COMMUNICATIONS

Student wins ADDY

Vineyard enters class assignment

By JOHN ELLEDGE
 STAFF WRITER

A class assignment has helped one Missouri Southern student win an area advertising award.

Michelle Vineyard, a senior graphic communications major, received an ADDY for her direct mail ad for sugar for her Graphics Communications class.

"I received a plaque [on display in the art department] for the ad," Vineyard said. "There is also a lot of honor that comes along with this award."

Dave Noblett, associate professor of art and course instructor, said Vineyard prepared the ad without his help.

"All the businesses in the country that have computer graphics know what this honor is and what it means," he said.

Vineyard spent about two weeks working on the assignment.

"I had to redo it a couple of times before I got it right," she said.

The ad competed against other students' work from colleges and universities in the area. Vineyard was the only student from Southern to enter her work.

"The piece will now go to district competition, which includes the four states, in Wichita," she said.

"It's nice to know something I did in class allowed me to get this award. It shows that there is purpose behind what we (students) do."

Noblett said the award shows that Vineyard's work meets the standards of professionals.

"We plan on entering next year, and we encourage other students to enter," he said.

May.

"By having it in May, we are going to see if it is more of what we were supposed to be doing with Spring Fling," she said.

Students interested in participating in Spring Fling planning may contact Carlisle at Ext. 9320 or Michelle Stonis, CAB president, at Ext. 9669.

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 on March 31.
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 section on health care.

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—Dr. Robert Brown,
 Former vice president for academic affairs and currently president at Arkansas Tech University.

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DEBATE

'Toughest' meet
on tap for team

By ERIN HOLLAND
ARTS EDITOR

With districts ahead of them this weekend, members of the Missouri Southern debate team are jotting down their final thoughts and priming their speeches in hopes of having a successful tournament.

"We are going to have our normal pairings this weekend," said Eric Morris, head coach. "That is going to help us out there [districts]."

Southern will send three open teams and two junior varsity teams to compete at the tournament at Southwest Missouri State University.

"It's hard to predict how we'll do," Morris said. "I think that we'll have two or three teams make it to the out-rounds."

Competing in the toughest district in the nation, Southern will face powerhouses like Kansas

State, the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and Emporia State.

"It's going to be a blood bath," said Georgette Oden. "It's technically more difficult than the Heart [of America] tournament was, the teams are tougher."

"We are competitive; we have beaten the best teams."

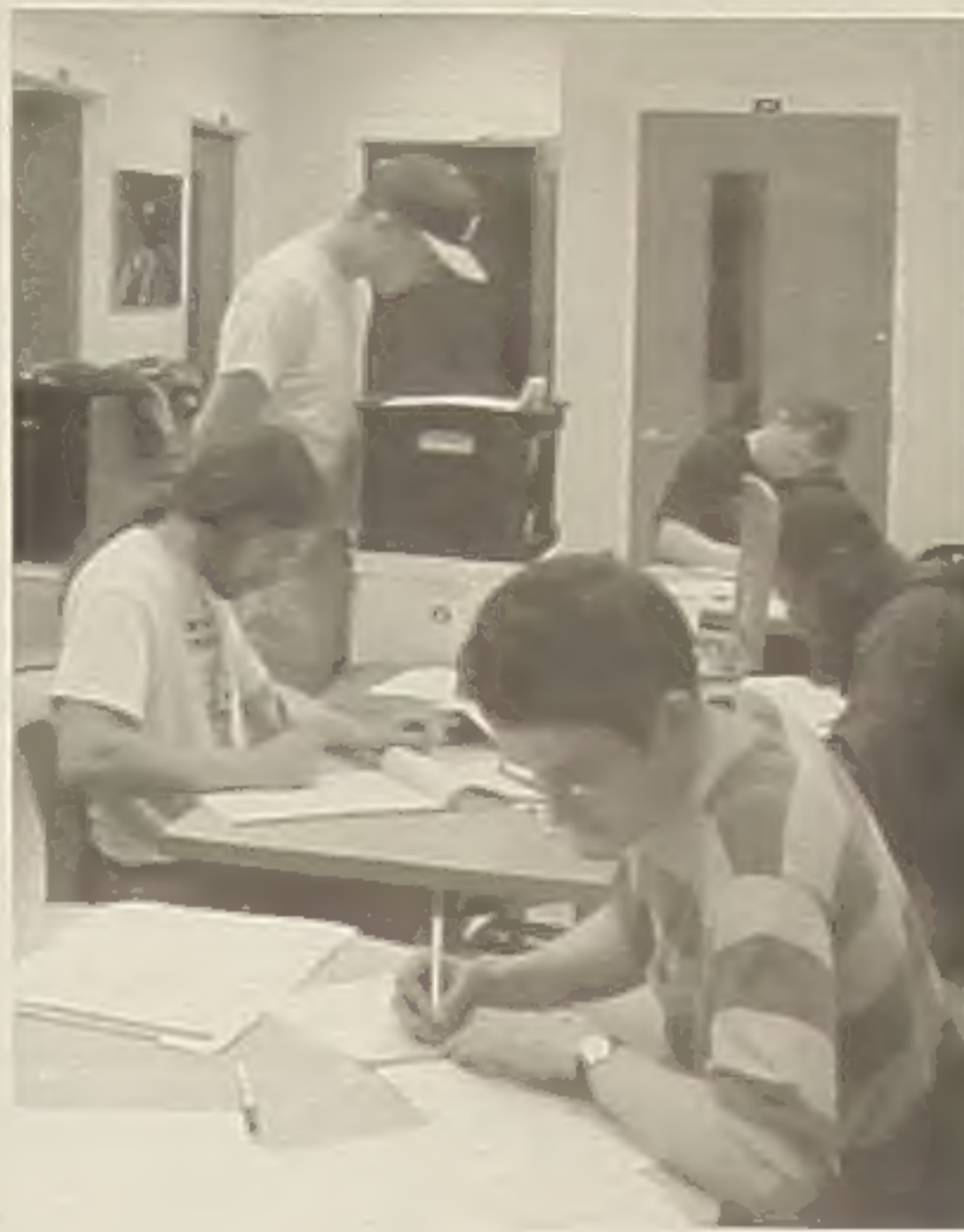
Shelley Newton will be teamed with Kim Lawry for the remainder of the year after partner Steve Doubledee dropped off the squad.

"He was a fun person to have on the team," Newton said. "But I think that working with Kim will be good for us; we will do fine together."

Ken DeLaughter will return to competition after being suspended until March 1 for actions at a local high school debate tournament he was judging.

"I'm excited to get back to working with him," said Oden, who is DeLaughter's partner.

PREPARING FOR A BATTLE



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Debate team members pull an all-nighter in preparation for competition in the district tournament at Southwest Missouri State this weekend. This semester's topic is military intervention.

SUZUKI VIOLIN ACADEMY

Academy to perform at Northpark Mall

By ERIN HOLLAND
ARTS EDITOR

If you are the type of person who needs a reason to go to the mall other than shopping, here's one.

The Missouri Southern Suzuki Violin Academy will present its spring performance at 1 p.m. Saturday in the J.C. Penney court at Northpark Mall.

The academy consists of children ages 8 to 18 who live in Joplin and the surrounding areas. Kexi Liu has been director of the academy for three years.

"Each year the performances

get better and better," Liu said. "They have made a lot of progress this year."

Currently, there are 35 students enrolled in the academy. Liu teaches all of the students without any assistance.

"There used to be three teachers; I was full-time and the other two were part-time," he said. "Now I have all of the students myself."

The academy puts on two shows a year. Saturday's performance entails 18 pieces that include both solos and group movements.

At the end of the concert a play-in will be featured.

"The play-in combines five pieces that are all different," Liu said.

"Each student joins in on their level."

Bud Clark, music instructor, has two of his children enrolled in the academy.

Carrie, 7, has been in the group for two years, and Coby, 6, has been part of the group for six months.

"I think the major thing is that it's good to start them early," Clark said. "It's just like reading or writing."

"They have no fear in performing; they don't understand the word 'difficult.'"

Carris Clark will perform a solo during the concert with her father as her accompanist on the piano.

"It's a great discipline for the kids," Clark said. "It gets the parents involved with the kids by helping the day-to-day teaching."

The quality of the performances can be directly attributed to Liu.

He has been working with the children nearly all year on improving their skills and performance.

"He is wonderful with the kids," Clark said. "He treats them as adults and brings them up to his level."

PROMUSICA

Orchestra to perform classics

World renowned pianist to perform

By ERIN HOLLAND
ARTS EDITOR

World-renowned pianist Vladimir Feltsman will be playing with the Beethovenhalle Orchestra when it performs on Friday, March 11 in Taylor Auditorium.

Feltsman, who now teaches at the State University of New York, originally is from Russia. He was denied permission to come to the

United States until 1987.

"He has performed all over the world," said Cynthia Schwab, director of ProMusica, which arranged for the Beethovenhalle Orchestra to visit Joplin.

The orchestra, consisting of more than 100 members, has been touring Texas, Arkansas, and Missouri.

"This is a very fine orchestra," Schwab said. "They have an exciting conductor and a very notable soloist."

"One will be able to hear a concerto."

Dennis Russell Davies is the conductor of the orchestra. He founded the American Com-

poser's Orchestra and is also a member of the Brooklyn Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Beethovenhalle Orchestra was founded in 1907 and originates from Bonn, Germany.

"Everyone should experience what it is like to hear a full symphony," Schwab said. "It is great for kids to get to hear this."

The orchestra will open with Beethoven's Egmont Overture.

The orchestra will take the stage at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10, \$15, and \$18. Patron tickets are available for \$50.

MISSOURI SOUTHERN FILM SOCIETY

Szabo's 'The Father' to highlight film festival

Realizing who his true father is and finding out what people thought about him is the basis of Istvan Szabo's *The Father*.

The Father is an award-winning film from Hungary that won grand prize at the Moscow Film Festival. The film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Matthews Hall auditorium.

This is the eighth program in the current International Film

Festival that is presented by the Missouri Southern Film Society and co-sponsored by the Missouri Arts Council.

The Father is the story of a boy whose father was a member of the resistance and died at the end of World War II. Never having seen his father, the boy places him on a pedestal of worship, telling his friends the heroic deeds he performed during the war and seeing him in

various idealized guises.

His adoration goes to the point of tracing his father's background and finding out what kind of man other people thought he was. The boy finally comes to realize that he is leaning too heavily on the past and has not yet matured.

The Father was filmed in 1967 by Szabo, who went on to direct the Oscar-winning films *Confidence* and *Mephisto*.

COMMUNITY BAND

Joplin laymen bring
music to public's ear

Broadway hits highlight music selections

By JOHN ELLEDGE
STAFF WRITER

The Southwest Missouri Community Band is warming up for another series of concerts this spring.

Robert Meeks, assistant professor of music, brought the band from Carthage to Joplin with the help of Joe Boyd, a guidance counselor at Carthage High School.

"We started 19 years ago in Carthage, and about three years ago we brought it to MSSC," Meeks said.

"It's a lot of fun, and Mr. Meeks is a wonderful director," said Elizabeth Lovland, sophomore music education major. "He teaches you a lot. It's a wonderful experience."

There are 57 members in the band. Members range from college age to 74 years old, Meeks said.

"We have every kind of person imaginable in the band," he said. "There are doctors, lawyers, and housewives."

The group practices from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights in Phinney Hall.

"All you have to do is be able to play an instrument, show up,

and talk to Mr. Meeks," Lovland said.

The group plays a variety of music, including Broadway show tunes, jazz, marches, and lighter selections.

"There is a board consisting of several members who make selections and decisions for the group," Meeks said.

Getting a chance to experience all the different aspects of being in band is one of the reason that many people join it.

Lovland enjoys the opportunity to experiment with other instruments, including the drums.

"I usually play flute," Lovland said. "It [the band] gives me more opportunity and makes me more versatile."

"The rehearsals are really laid back, but we get a lot accomplished."

There are between 50-60 community bands in Missouri, according to Meeks.

"We serve as a parent organization for Sounds of Missouri," he said.

"We try and take a trip to Europe, but with vacations times that don't match it is difficult and money is a big factor."

The band will perform March 29 in Taylor Auditorium.

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JASPER COUNTY

System to slash response times

By JOHN HACKER
SENIOR EDITOR

Jasper County officials are hoping things will be different this year when citizens vote on the Enhanced 911 emergency communications system in April.

The E-911 county-wide system was defeated by voters last year after the Joplin City Council refused to endorse the measure.

Anna Ruth Crampton, county commissioner, said a lack of planning was the primary reason voters killed the last proposal.

"The message we got was that voters wanted the system, but they wanted to know how it was going to work," Crampton said. "We formed a study committee, and now we know exactly how it is going to cost."

Funding for the system also has been changed.

"Our funding before was going to be a tax on all the phones in the county," Crampton said. "Now we are using the smallest

sales tax possible."

The tax, which would add one-tenth of one cent to the county sales tax, is expected to produce \$1 million in revenue per year. The one-time costs associated with installation are expected to be more than \$350,000, and the total annual expenses will run to more than \$450,000 per year.

The system is expected to run a surplus of more than \$500,000 annually with this funding method. Crampton said the surplus will be put in a fund that eventually will support the system, allowing the county to discontinue the tax in the future.

Joplin Police Lt. Gary Sittion, a member of the planning committee, said E-911 will improve response times considerably.

"Once a connection is made, before a person even talks, a trace is made and we know the phone number they are calling from and the address of that phone number," Sittion said. "The system will also tell whose jurisdiction the caller is in."

Sittion said a trace is made

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immediately so even if the caller is unable to speak, the operator will know where the call is from.

He said the E-911 switchboard will be located in Joplin and staffed by the Joplin police department. The E-911 board will contract with the the department to staff the switchboard,

and two people will staff it round-the-clock.

The system will not be on-line for another two years, Sittion said, because a remapping of the entire county is required.

"There will be no more rural-route addresses. Everyone will have a street name and number."

LINCOLN DAYS CELEBRATION

Even Democrats welcome

By JENNIFER CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

This weekend's Lincoln Days Celebration in Joplin will feature a number of speakers, including Congressman Tim Hutchinson (R-Ark.).

Hutchinson will be the main speaker at the annual celebration hosted by the Jasper County Republican Committee. It begins at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Joplin Ramada Inn.

"It has been going on for over 50 years," said Marie Capps, media coordinator.

Attendance is expected to be around 200. Congressman Mel Hancock (R-Mo.) and other office holders are expected to attend. Anyone wanting to meet Republican candidates or participate in local Republic politics is invited to attend.

"We welcome everybody," Capps said, "even Democrats."

"I think this year will be a great success," said Bob Patterson, chairman of the Newton County Republican Party. "We always have a big crowd, and I do not think this year will be any different."

Hutchinson, who lives in Boonville, Ark., represents the 3rd Arkansas congressional district, which covers 16 counties in northwest Arkansas. He served in the Arkansas state legislature when Bill Clinton was governor.

"We are good friends," Hutchinson said. "I like him, but we are often on opposite sides of the issue."

Hutchinson currently serves on the House veterans' affairs subcommittee on hospitals and health care and on the House public works and transportation committee. He has supported many issues during his first term, including the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"I am looking forward to coming to Missouri," Hutchinson said. "I hope I can help serve my party. Missouri is my neighbor, and we have a lot of issues and concerns in common."

The dinner itself will start at 7 p.m. with Hutchinson speaking at 8 p.m.

"I plan to speak on Clinton's health care reform package, budget problems, and problems in Congress," he said.

Neosho caves cloak deep, dark, damp secrets

By JENNIFER SEXTON
STAFF WRITER

Caves hide a special world all their own. The mysteries they conceal are both natural and man-made.

A tightly sealed cave occupies the southeast corner of the Big Spring Park in Neosho. Supposedly the cave housed various tunnels extending from the park to the town square some three blocks away. The cave is said to have been used for storage of material during the Civil War with the entries blasted shut

by one army or another during the struggle for southwest Missouri.

"I think the caves were for hiding in," said Jack Wood, Neosho historian. "I think back in the Civil War period they were probably using them (the tunnels) to smuggle slaves in and out."

While some caves are found to be man-made, most caves in existence today are natural.

Most of the stories surrounding the legends of the caves were buried along with the men who once explored the caves. However, one explorer is still living.

"I went back into the cave in the early 1930s," said Clark Wallace from Neosho. "I could walk back in there 30 to 40 feet. You could get down and crawl further, but I didn't. There was also a ledge you

could walk out on. I dropped a rock in, and it was a good five or six seconds before I heard the rock hit water."

"At that time, no one would tell us anything about the cave. I do believe there were tunnels running from there to the square. A guy working for the government came out to see me seven or eight years ago. He wanted to know what I knew about the cave. He said he wanted to see that the cave was opened again. I haven't seen him since."

In addition to the Klan and various well-known outlaws, common people were also known to frequent the cave.

"There was a brewery back in 1868," Wallace said. "They made moonshine, mineral waters, and lager beer. The people who

owned the cave leased it out to an individual who started the brewery. They paid \$600 annually for rent. In 1884, a different owner leased it to the same individuals, and they paid \$150 annually."

At one time an elderly man lived in the cave during the winter with the aid of a stove.

Caves harbor some unique forms of non-human life as well. A small hole in the ground approximately two miles west of Neosho leads to a cave that houses Ozark cavefish. The fish, about 2 inches long, are pale, almost colorless, and blind. Their eyes have degenerated to small dots of residual nerves. Sensory organs in the head, sides, and tail assist them in moving about and locating food.

THE SHADOW KNOWS



JENNIFER SEXTON/The Chart

According to local legend, three explorers may have disappeared many years ago in this cave in Big Spring Park in Neosho.

STILL 'KISSING THE SUN'

Suave Octopus

returns to Joplin tomorrow

By JEFFREY SLATTON
STAFF WRITER

Although Suave Octopus' *Kissing The Sun* release has been out for nearly a year, the band continues to kiss success throughout the Midwest.

"*Kissing The Sun* has definitely done better than we expected it to," said guitar player Dave Kalz. "We ran out and had to get a second pressing."

Suave Octopus will appear tomorrow night at the Kitchen Pass/Bypass, 1212 Main, with Joplin's own Subterraneans. Suave has not been in Joplin since April 1993, when it played at the now-defunct Boomers.

"We're really excited to come back," Kalz said. "There were some problems with [Boomers] before, but we're excited about playing at the Kitchen Pass."

"We had a great turnout last time, and we're hoping for a repeat tomorrow."

Since the last Joplin appearance, Suave has undergone one line-up change.

"We just started playing with a new drummer, Greg Miller (formerly of Pale Divine) last weekend," Kalz said. "He's a good addition to the band with his playing and vocal abilities."

suave octopus

WHAT: Alternative rock band from St. Louis.
WITH: The Subterraneans
WHERE: The Kitchen Pass, 1212 Main, Joplin.
WHEN: Tomorrow, 8 p.m.

Miller played his first show with Suave last weekend in Kansas City.

"Greg brings a lot of added energy," Kalz said. "We've added a half-dozen new, original songs since he joined."

The remainder of the line-up remains the same with Matt Westphale, guitar and vocals; and Rich Ellington, bass; rounding out the group.

With success seemingly the band's to grasp, Kalz said it just takes time.

"There are a lot of things involved that the general public does not hear about," he said. "We've just signed with Jim Zumwalt, out of Nashville, who is a great industry attorney."

"He's shopping us around," Kalz said the new material is a bit more rock-oriented than *Kissing The Sun*.

"The new stuff is our strongest yet," he said. "Alternative is such a trendy marketing term that we don't want to get locked into yet."

Kalz said the group will play the new material along with songs from *Kissing The Sun*. After Joplin, Suave Octopus will play Saturday at the Regency Showcase in Springfield.

"We're also playing 'South-by-Southwest' in Austin, Texas, and the Memphis Crossroads festivals in the upcoming weeks," he said.

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HOUSE CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

Measure would outlaw gay adoptions

Bill calls for prospective parents to affirm their heterosexuality

By T.R. HANRAHAN

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

One Missouri lawmaker wants adoptive parents to play it straight.

House Bill 1292, sponsored by Rep. Glenn Hall (R-Grain Valley), would require persons wanting to adopt children to affirm that they are heterosexual. Hall presented the bill yesterday to the House children, youth, and families committee.

"This bill is not about gay bashing," he said. "I believe in protecting the civil rights of all

citizens.

"This bill is designed to protect children from sexual molestation—this bill is about children's rights."

Hall said the majority of molestations perpetrated involve homosexual contact and that children raised in a homosexual environment are at risk.

"I believe that studies have shown consistently that homosexuals have shown an affinity for multiple partners and a need for constant sexual gratification," he said. "Also, the percentage of children who are raised in homosexual homes and

become homosexual themselves is about 14 percent of the general population."

The bill drew fire from both gays and parents of gays. Jeff Wunrow, a spokesperson for the Privacy Research Education Project, said Hall's statistics are not accurate.

"The U.S. government has found that 98 percent of all sexual molestation cases the perpetrator affirmed that they were heterosexual," he said. "The only concern should be whether a person can provide a stable, loving home life for the child."

Wunrow also said the sexual orientation of a child's parents is not a factor in his becoming gay.

"I grew up in a home with two fairly normal heterosexual parents, and I am proud to say that

I am a gay man," he said. "It is not something you choose."

Jeanette Glaesner, a member of Friends and Parents of Lesbians and Gays, said Hall is basing the bill on a series of false assumptions.

"First and foremost, he is assuming all homosexuals are sex predators without morals or restraint," she said. "Homosexuals are like all groups of people. Some are good and some are bad. Some are monogamous and some are promiscuous."

"Just as it would be unreasonable to condemn all heterosexuals because some are bad people, it is unreasonable to ban homosexuals from adopting because some homosexuals would make bad parents. This bill is misguided and misinformed."

Hall said current laws do not adequately protect children.

"At this point, homosexuals could find a liberal judge that would find it in the children's best interest to be adopted by a homosexual," he said. "This would prevent that."

"I believe that as a matter of public policy we should protect children from molestation and behavior that is immoral and illegal."

Glaesner said such restrictions would hinder the adoption process.

"Currently, there are 30,000 children available for adoption in the U.S.," she said. "With these statistics in mind, I think we should expand the pool of possible applicants instead of restricting it."

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

SMSU's Keiser reorganizes, aligns programs

Saying he wants to "position Southwest Missouri State University for the 21st century," SMSU President John Keiser has reorganized the university in an attempt to align academic programs with the five university-wide themes and eliminate duplication.

Highlights of the plan include renaming four of the six existing colleges, establishing two new colleges, significantly realigning departments and programs within several colleges, reassigning the deans of two colleges, the elimination of the wrestling program, and significantly realigning components of several service units. Eliminating wrestling eventually could result in a \$100,000 savings, which would be reallocated for a variety of needs in the athletics program.

Keiser emphasized that while the campus-wide reorganization is substantial, none of the 2,200 employees is being terminated and only one position (an assistant dean for one of the colleges) will be added. He said SMSU's five themes (business and economic development, health care, professional education, the performing arts, and public affairs) should permeate the entire academic fiber of the university.

CMSU to close 2 residence halls

Central Missouri State University will close two residence halls after the completion of the semester due to the small number of students living there.

University Housing has decided to close Hudson Hall, with 93 residents, and Osborne-Phillips, with 92 residents, because they are the smallest halls on campus. Hudson Hall, for first-year students, has two unoccupied floors.

CMSU's spring enrollment, 10,442, is down about 600 from the spring of 1993. University officials attribute the decline to a decrease in the number of graduating high school seniors in the state.

Northeast students to vote on new center

Northeast Missouri State University students will vote April 21-22 on a referendum to establish a new student recreation center.

Students will be asked to pay up to \$60 per semester to fund the rec center. Estimated cost is \$6 million to \$7 million.

The facility would include basketball courts, a multi-purpose court, an aerobics center, an indoor raised track, weight rooms, and a juice/snack bar.

Carnahan tabs Herzog for Western board

Terese Herzog will be named by Gov. Mel Carnahan to a six-year term on the Missouri Western State College board of regents.

The nomination will now go before the Missouri Senate for confirmation. Herzog was nominated to the position by Sen. Sidney Johnson (D-Gower) and was interviewed by Carnahan before the appointment.

"We are pleased that Gov. Carnahan has chosen a Missouri Western graduate to serve on the college board," said Dr. Janet Murphy, Western president.

Harris-Stowe instructor wins NEH fellowship

Theodora Gitsky-Lodato, an instructor at Harris-Stowe State College in St. Louis, has been awarded a \$30,000 fellowship for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Gitsky-Lodato was one of only 11 faculty members at historically black colleges and universities across the United States to receive a grant through the NEH's faculty graduate study program.

You bet!



T.R. HANRAHAN/The Chart

House Speaker Bpb Griffin (D-Cameron) leaves the rostrum and takes to the floor Tuesday to debate video lottery legislation. The measure, sponsored by Griffin, was perfected and given initial approval.

VIDEO LOTTERIES

Gaming measure secures initial approval in House

By T.R. HANRAHAN

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

When it comes to video lotteries, at least one Missouri lawmaker wants to call a spade a spade.

"After the debacle in '87, it's time to play the issue fair and square," said Rep. David Klarich (R-Ballwin). "We need to call this what it is—a slot machine. You put your money in, pull a lever or push a button, and win or lose."

Klarich, who made his statement Tuesday during House debate on HJR 53, said lawmakers owe it to the public to be straightforward.

"If we truly feel that gambling is the financial panacea," he said, "if we feel this is the way to finance higher education—that this is the state's financial cure-all—we should call it exactly what it is."

The bill's sponsor, House Speaker Bob Griffin (D-Cameron), said Klarich is mistaken about public perception. "I think everyone knows what is involved with video lotteries," Griffin said. "It consists not only of games of chance, but games of skill."

Griffin's proposal would earmark video gaming proceeds for higher education, and an amendment approved during the bill's perfection would ensure proper allocation. The amendment, proposed by Rep. Ken Jacob (D-Columbia), changed language in the proposal which might have

tion process virtually unscathed, opponents seem bent on making final approval difficult.

"Most all church organizations that oppose (this measure) do so not so much on moral grounds, but on what we do," said Rep. Pat Kelley (R-Lee's Summit). "What it can do

is lead to a breakdown in the family and form an addiction in some who participate."

"It can also cause hardship in those who can least afford

it. They go in, have a drink, and lose what little they do have."

Kelley also said this type of revenue enhancement would send a detrimental message to Missourians.

"Using this for education is a sham," he said. "We would be telling people the way to get ahead is to take a chance and gamble. We should teach them to work hard, save, and invest so they can have a future."

"If we want to fund higher education, let's raise taxes or do it out of existing revenue but not by destroying families and hurt poor people in this state."

"We don't want the public thinking we are using the money for something other than higher education. I think this should go into a special fund so we know where it goes and there is a clear trail."

—Rep. Ken Jacob (D-Columbia)

allowed fund dispersal for projects other than higher education.

"I don't want to go through what we went through with the other lottery," Jacob said. "We don't want the public thinking we are using the money for something other than higher education."

"I think this should go into a special fund so we know where it goes and there is a clear trail."

HJR 53 was approved as perfected after Jacob's addition and should come up for a final House vote sometime this week. However, while Griffin was successful in pushing the measure through the perfec-

SWEET MUSIC



T.R. HANRAHAN/The Chart

The J.C. Penney High School girls' ensemble from Hamilton, Mo., performs during a celebration at yesterday's unveiling of Penney's bust for the Hall of Famous Missourians in the Capitol.

JACK OF ALL TRADES



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Lola Rivette, admissions secretary and vocalist, can be found performing in Branson during the summer.

ADMISSIONS

Singer enjoys rounding out

By WILLIAM GONZALES
CHART REPORTER

Singer, musician, tour guide, living history demonstrator, and manufacturer of musical instruments.

What do all of these vocations have in common? They are all ways of describing Missouri Southern's newest admissions secretary, Lola Rivette.

"I have a real range of interests, and everything I do rounds myself and my children out," she said.

An avid music lover, Rivette can be found during the summer in Branson at Shepherd of the Hills.

She, along with her partner, already have released several tapes.

"I'm the vocal, and he plays a

variety of instruments," Rivette said.

But if you would like to hear her play, you don't have to go to Branson. You can go to the George Washington Carver National Monument instead. A volunteer at Carver, Rivette can be found reenacting history.

"I teach people how they cooked as well as the crafts of a hundred years ago," she said.

But when Halloween weekend rolls around at Carver, Rivette plays a different role. For the past few years, she has been a storyteller.

"I take people around the park telling spooky stories by candlelight," she said. "It's called the 'Haunted Hike.' The people enjoy it so much, they come back every year—some as far away as Arkansas."

But how did this versatile per-

son end up at Southern?

"I could probably make a living at Shepherd of the Hills, but that's not reality for me," Rivette said. "Reality is having a steady job and securing that job; making sure you always have that income coming in."

To obtain this reality, she majored in computer office assisting at Vatterott College. Not only did Rivette receive her diploma, but 14 awards ranging from Most Inspirational Student and Miss Wit to perfect attendance.

Rivette's diligence did not go unnoticed. "I found out about two weeks ago that I was named Student of the Year," she said.

Persons interested in purchasing one of Rivette's tapes may contact: Marrin Manor Music, Rt. 1, Box 56B, Republic, MO 65738.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Vieitez likes teaching, but misses her sax

New education professor stresses aspects of learning beyond books

By SEAN DAVISON
CHART REPORTER

She is probably the saxiest woman at Missouri Southern.

Dr. Doreen Vieitez, assistant professor of education, has been playing the saxophone since she was 10. Vieitez continued to play through junior high, high school, and college. During college, she spent several years giving lessons to high school and elementary students.

"I really miss playing the saxophone a lot," Vieitez said. Although she regrets not playing her instrument as often as she would like, she has started playing in the Southwest

BUSINESS OFFICE

New position goes to grad

Yust 'checks up' on College as part of compliance job

By MARK BAUMGARTNER
CHART REPORTER

Every day people have others checking up on them. Instructors check up on students, bosses check up on employees, and the government checks up on everyone. Missouri Southern graduate Rob Yust has been given the responsibility of checking up on the College.

Yust is the systems and compliance auditor at Southern, a new position on campus.

"The internal auditor retired recently," he said. "They (Southern) wanted to try and encompass the internal auditor position along with compliance with federal agencies and outside auditors."

Organizations on campus which receive state and federal grants send their figures to him. Then he makes sure they are in compliance with state and federal regulations.

"It's a brand-new position, so I am playing it by ear, and as we go along try to develop new things we need to be doing," he said.

Yust started his job in November 1993. Before that he worked for an outside accounting firm that handled the College audit. He worked on this audit for 10 years, so he is already familiar with the procedures at Southern.

"I was with the CPA firm for 13 years doing tax returns and things like that, and it got a little old after a while," Yust said. "I needed a change."

While attending Southern, Yust worked part-time for the CPA firm. He started by doing school audits and moved on to



Yust

tax returns. He was hired full-time when he graduated in 1981.

Yust recently became a CPA, which has been a goal for most of his life.

"Ten years ago I took the exam, when I was fresh out of college," he said. "It scared me because it was really tough. I really didn't think I was going to be able to accomplish it."

The next time he took the CPA test, he was ready. He attended a review course in Tulsa every Saturday night for

18 weeks. He also studied three to four hours every night. His diligence paid off, and now a CPA certificate hangs on his wall.

Yust, a lifetime resident of Joplin, says he enjoys working at Southern and would like to retire here.

"I have seen the other aspects of being a CPA, accountant, and auditor," he said. "I have been on that side of the fence for a while. Now I am ready to come over to this side, settle down, and retire."



Vieitez

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Flood leaps from farm to College after receiving doctorate at OSU

Giving grades least favorite part of job for new father, mathematics instructor

By JESSE FIELDS
CHART REPORTER

He may not be the new Father of Mathematics, but he is a new father and a new instructor of mathematics at Missouri Southern.

Dr. Timothy Flood joined the mathematics department at Southern last fall after finishing his doctorate at Oklahoma State University. He is not new to this area, however.

"My roots are in this area," Flood says. "I grew up on a farm in Cherokee, Kan., and received my bachelor and master of science from Pittsburg State."

In fact, the only two places he

has lived are in Stillwater, Okla., and the Pittsburg, Kan., area. But he is well traveled, having been to Florida, Texas, and California.

"My wife and I went to San Francisco on our honeymoon," Flood says, smiling. "We have been married four years."

They have an 18-month-old son to complement their marriage.

Earning a doctorate and teaching at the college level is quite a leap from his carrier at his brother's farm. Flood has also worked a summer at Eagle-Picher. Of all the jobs he has held, he gets the most satisfaction from teaching.

Flood's favorite part of teach-

ing at Southern is meeting and getting to know new people and working with them. His least favorite part is having to assign grades.

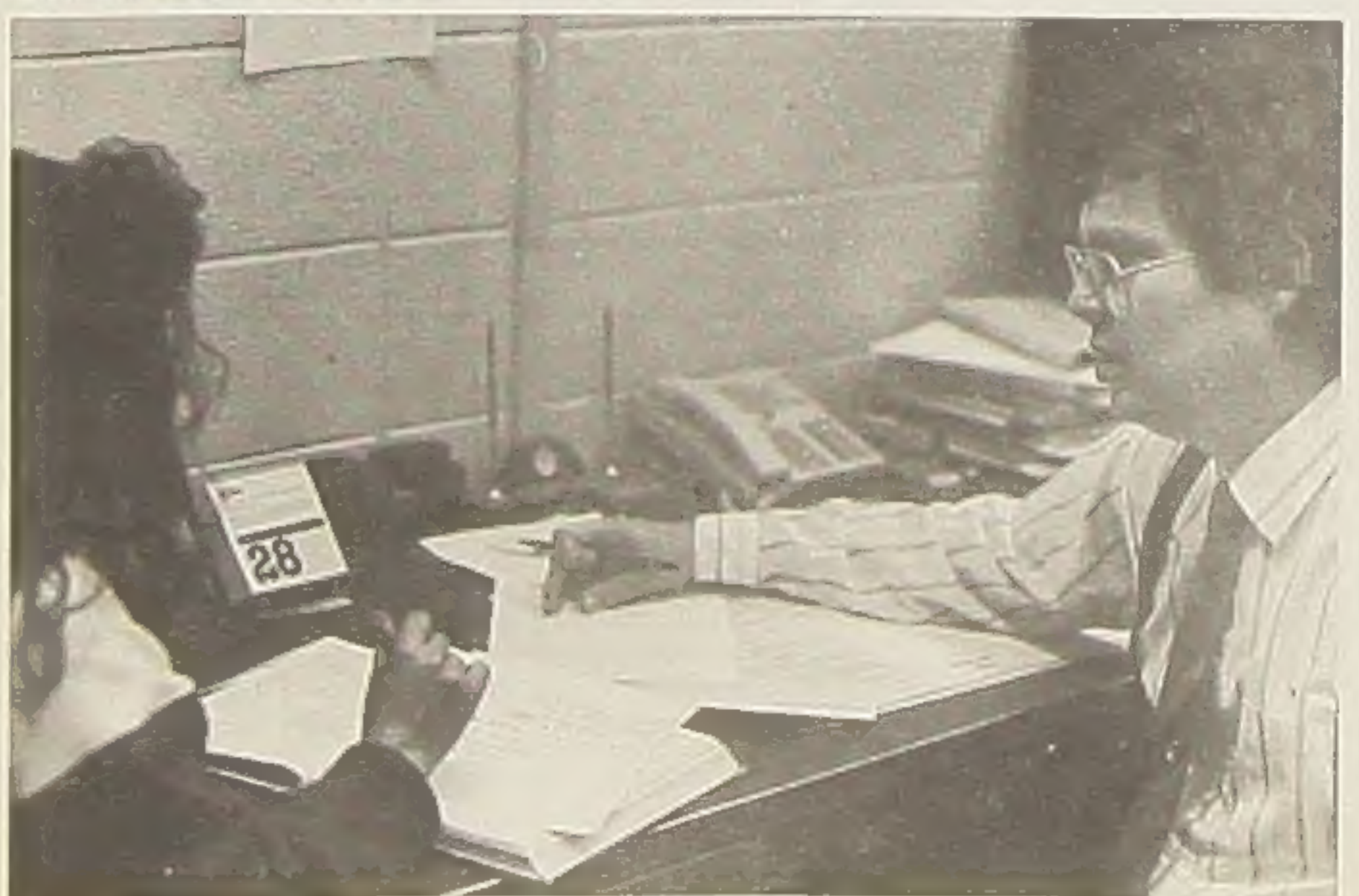
Flood is not all work and no play. He likes to fish and hunt. "My wife enjoys fishing, too," Flood says.

During the summer, he likes to work around the farm and spend time fishing with his wife. "Coach" and "Home Improvement" top his favorite television shows. And Mrs. Doubtfire is the last good movie he has seen.

His career goals are to eventually be a tenured professor at a college or university.

Flood names his parents as role models. That gives the finishing touches on his family-oriented lifestyle.

PART OF THE JOB



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Dr. Timothy Flood instructs Paula Mosley, junior biology major, on a problem in her math homework.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Southern pounds WU

Loss first-ever for Lady Blues at home in MIAA play

By CHAD HAYWORTH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

TOPEKA, KAN.—

After six straight losses to Washburn University, the Missouri Southern Lady Lions never trailed last night in handing the Lady Blues their first-ever MIAA home loss, 76-61.

The Lady Lions now travel to St. Joseph tomorrow to face the Lady Griffons of Missouri Western State College for the MIAA post-season tournament championship.

"Tonight we came in serious and focused," said Lady Lion Coach Scott Ballard. "We knew the game would come down to three things—rebounds, turnovers, and free-throws."

Southern beat or tied the 20th-ranked Lady Blues in all three categories. The Lady Lions out-rebounded Washburn 35-27, hit 20 of 23 free-throws compared to 14-15 for the Lady Blues, and each team turned the ball over 13 times.

Southern goes to 22-4 overall, with a five-game winning streak, while Washburn falls to 21-7—3-4 in its last seven games.

"This is a huge win not just for our program, but especially for this basketball team," Ballard said. "No matter what happens

at Western Friday, we sent a strong message to the people who determine who goes to the national tournament."

Western has beaten Southern twice already this season, including an 81-80 overtime Lady Lion loss at Joplin Feb. 18. "They are a different kind of team than Washburn," Ballard said. "They are more balanced offensively, and they like to pressure opponents defensively." Sophomore guard Teresa McLaury led the Lady Lions with 18 points, including 8-8 shooting from the free-throw line.

"Teresa is letting the game come to her offensively," Ballard said. "She has really been concentrating on her defense and ball control, too."

Senior center Cindy Bricker added nine points and seven rebounds.

"She and [senior forward] Honey Scott have played their best basketball as Lady Lions in the past two weeks," Ballard said. "Cindy is playing under control defensively and has contributed offensively, which boosts her confidence."

Bricker said she has felt more at ease as the season progresses.

"I think I am staying more focused," she said. "We are getting to the end of the season, and things are starting to fall into place like they should."

Additionally, junior guard Tommie Horton had 11 points in 27 minutes of action and junior guard Sonya Harlin had 14 points, including 2-3 from three-point range. Scott had eight points and five rebounds in 30 minutes.

Ballard said defensive intensity was a key in the victory.

"We haven't ever done as good a job on [senior guard Rhonda] Matzke and [junior forward Shelley] Foster as we did tonight," he said. "They really hurt us when we saw them before."

Foster and Matzke each scored 12 for the Lady Blues, nearly six points under their respective season averages.

This was Ballard's first win in Lee Arena and only his second-ever against Washburn.

"Everyone has respect for Washburn and their tradition," he said. "We knew coming in we would have to play 40 minutes of consistent basketball at both ends of the floor."

Monday, the Lady Lions overcame a 15-point halftime deficit to beat the University of Missouri-Rolla Lady Miners, 65-60.

"The Rolla game was a real wake-up call for us," Ballard said. "Tonight, everyone scored and pitched in and stepped up defensively."

FLAP YOUR WINGS



Washburn guard Chauna Agosto flies harmlessly by Southern junior guard Tommie Horton during last night's 76-61 Lady Lion win.

SPORTS COLUMN



CHAD HAYWORTH

Lady Lions say so-long to streak

TOPEKA, KAN.—

Scott Ballard and Missouri Southern finally shook the blues.

The Washburn Lady Blues, that is.

The Lady Lions' 76-61 victory last night over Washburn marked Ballard's first win at Lee Arena and only his second against the Lady Blues ever.

Lee Arena is unkind to opponents, no doubt. The Lady Blues had never lost an MIAA game, regular or post-season, in this building. "Never" is a long time and now, thanks to the Lady Lions, Washburn can't say that anymore.

To be fair, Washburn should be proud of its facility and its streak, may it rest in peace. Washburn joined the MIAA and played four seasons before losing at Lee Arena.

That's 47 games in a row, for those who are counting at home.

Washburn's sports information department is fond of touting the team's record at home, which includes a 131-19 (.870) mark at Lee Arena since the facility opened in 1984.

Make that 131-20 after last night's Southern victory.

The Lady Lions not only beat Washburn, they did it in impressive fashion in boot.

Southern never trailed, was only tied on three occasions, and led by as many as 16 points. Washburn couldn't string together more than six points in a row, and shot only 36 percent from the field, nearly 11 percentage points off its season average.

The Lady Lions seemed more thrilled with this win than any other they've had in quite some time. Who can blame them?

Washburn had handed Southern six straight losses, which included knocking them out of the MIAA regular-season and post-season tournament championships and the NCAA tournament. Maybe the victories that are most elusive are the sweetest.

More importantly, however, the win last night should assure Missouri Southern of a higher seed in the NCAA national tournament than Washburn. All season the Lady Lions have trailed Washburn in the national and regional polls, despite Southern's five-game win streak and Washburn's very average 3-4 record in its last seven outings.

Of course, Washburn Coach Patty Dick votes in the regional rankings, along with Southwest Baptist University's Kip Drown. Coincidentally, Dick is chair of the NCAA South Central Regional Advisory Committee.

Maybe I'm missing something, but a team that goes 3-4 in its last seven games this late in the season and still gets ranked 20th nationally can be only one thing.

Overrated.

The real kicker is Southern didn't even receive any votes in the last national poll, despite the fact that its only loss in the last 11 games came at the hands of Missouri Western, the No. 2 team in the nation.

Cut me a break. Somebody is playing politics with who receives votes and who doesn't.

Saturday, Southern heads to St. Joseph for the MIAA tournament championship against Western. Ballard, like all successful coaches, knows that this is the time of the year to peak.

Maybe, just maybe, he has another first up his sleeve—a MIAA Post-Season Tournament championship.

Chad Hayworth

SOFTBALL

Lipira: Staff may be nation's best

By CHAD HAYWORTH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

If pitching and defense win softball games, Lady Lion Coach Pat Lipira figures to have a good year.

"It's my personal philosophy as a coach," she said. "In fast-pitch you want to go out and throw a shutout every time."

"But obviously if we score eight or 10 runs, I'm thrilled."

Missouri Southern, ranked fifth in the NCAA Division II preseason poll, returns what Lipira said may be the best pitching staff in the nation. Senior Angie Hadley, 21-7 last season, and junior Sharon Wright, 17-5, are joined by freshman Holly Trantham. In addition, junior Andrea Clarke, who sat out last season to spend time with her terminally ill mother, returns to the mound.

Clarke went 31-2 and led the Southern to the national title in 1992.

"I think Andrea, like all pitchers, has worked hard with a catcher over the winter to improve herself," Lipira said. "With the year layoff, Andrea realized she would have to work to regain her control."

What Southern's offense lost

to graduation in power hitting, Lipira hopes to replace with speed.

"If we can get [sophomore third baseman] Shari Heider and [senior left fielder] Natasha Fluke on, they are a real threat on the base path," she said. "I expect us to steal a lot and use the hit-and-run."

When the Lady Lions open their season Tuesday against South Dakota State University at Lea Kungle Field, there will be some new faces. Crowder College transfer Shelly Lundien takes over the first base duties from now-student assistant coach Stacy Harter.

Jeanine Duggan, a freshman from Phoenix, Ariz., will step into the shortstop position.

Other newcomers include infielder April Buczinski, utility player Amber Peterson, and outfielder Kim Wilson.

With the expanded national playoffs for softball this year, Lipira said reaching the tournament is a reasonable goal.

"We're kind of in a unique situation," she said. "The decision on who to pitch against certain teams becomes real critical. If I make the right choice, we should be OK."

TRACK AND FIELD

'Possessed' Ramsey sparks team

By P.J. GRAHAM
MANAGING EDITOR

With some change in placement and despite some unexpected difficulties, the Missouri Southern track and field teams gave their coach some surprises Sunday.

"The men performed better than I thought they would," said Tom Rutledge. "They just got in and scrapped for every little point they could. With three events to go, we were in the lead with six points."

The men's team, with 75 points, took second in the MIAA conference championships. Rutledge was pleased with Southern's effort, even though Central Missouri State University finished on top.

"We have 15 guys compared to their almost 40," he said. "We pulled some first places in areas that people didn't think we could."

Sophomore Jason Ramsey led the team by competing and placing in five events. Rutledge described him as a man "possessed."

"He was just there in his own zone," he said. "He was focused for this meet."

Ramsey took first in the 600 meters and 55-meter hurdles, tied for third in the high jump, and tied teammate David Grove for fourth in the pole vault. Ramsey, Dennis Zerberonia, Dwayne Friend, and Paul Baker were third in the mile relay.

Baker and Jason Riddle finished first and second, respec-

tively, in the 800 meters. Middle-distance runner Higinio Covarrubias took first in the 1,000 meters. Scott Tarnowski was fourth in the 55 meters, Matt Houck was fourth in the shot put, Friend was fifth in the triple jump, and Marcus Burns was sixth in the triple jump.

In women's competition, Tongula Walker finished first in the long jump, second in the triple jump, third in the 200 meters, fourth in the 55 meters, and was one-fourth of the mile-relay team that placed sixth.

Shot putter Tisha Alvarez placed fourth in her event, and Mary Adamson was sixth in the triple jump. Chericka Bartells tied for fourth in the high jump and placed sixth in the 55 hurdles.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hornets' 3s sink Southern, 105-90

By TONY JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

It was the case of too many threes, too many points, and too much James McCallop.

Emporia State rained in a school-record 15 3-point buckets Saturday night in erasing Missouri Southern's hopes for post-season play with a 105-90 victory in Emporia.

McCallop, the MIAA's top scorer with a 22.8 average, led the Hornets' bombardment with 33

points and 24 points. The win left Emporia 7-9 in the MIAA and gave the Kansans the eighth and final spot in the MIAA post-season tournament.

Southern ended its season 11-14 overall and 6-10 in the MIAA.

"We did not want the game to get into the 90s," said Coach Robert Corn. "It's extremely tough to beat a team on its home court in a high-scoring game."

Southern senior Chris Tucker took game honors with 33 points

and 16 rebounds. "Chris realized that this was his final game around as a collegiate player," Corn said. "He wanted to make sure he left nothing out on the court as far as effort was concerned."

Corn said Southern's recent victories over Missouri Western and Central Missouri State, plus winning the University of Southern Indiana Shootout on Dec. 18-19, showed that the Lions were a team "to be reckoned with."

BASEBALL

Hogs feast on miscues

Mental lapses contributed to the Lions' 10-3 loss yesterday at the University of Arkansas.

The defeat leaves the Lions 2-7 overall and winless in seven tries against NCAA Division I teams.

"When playing a Division I team, you have to make the plays when given an opportunity. You also have to make a great play every once and a while," said Head Coach Warren Turner. "You can't give them an extra out, and that's what we've been doing."

The Lions plan on practicing fundamentals in their practice time leading up to the fourth annual Larry Hickey Classic beginning Sunday at Joe Becker Stadium.

"We've been good at times, and we've been bad at times," Turner said. "We have yet to put a full game together and concentrate."

Swami Says...



12-13 48%

This week's picks:

1. Nebraska v. Missouri
2. DePaul v. Memphis St.
3. Arkansas v. Miss. St.
4. Syracuse v. Georgetown
5. Lady Lions v. Western

Underlined games indicate picks

INTRAMURALS

Basketball Results

Men's Competitive

Spaghetti & Meatballs 2, Tray Bombs 0
(Won by forfeit)

Ice 45, Bom Killers 44

Kappa Alpha Rebels 54, Sigma Phi 21

Women's Competitive

Lady Ambassadors 26, Widgets 24

Fat Sisters II 40, Cross Court 32

Truth or Dare 56, Nel Hangers 23

Recreation League
Championship Game

Tuesday at 6:10 p.m.

No Names
v.
Parkers

ASK THE COACH

"Coach Lipira, can we ever expect to see lights at Lea Kungle Field? How important would they be to your program?" J.W.



"I used to think that rest-rooms and better equipment storage was more of a priority, but this season has made me change my mind. I have seven biology majors on the team, and many have labs in the afternoons until 5 p.m. It makes it hard to practice when the sun sets at 5:30. The College has said we can have light when we can pay for them. If anyone has suggestions as to how to do that, please call me."

Have a question for one of the Missouri Southern coaches? Send it to David Burnett, The Chart, 333 Webster Hall, call 625-9311, or fax it to 625-9742.

'It's like a bug'

Shopping at flea markets 'almost a habit' for many



SOUTHWEST MO.

Markets attract buyers

By JOHN HACKER
SENIOR EDITOR

Competition in the flea market business does not hurt—it helps.

Driving around in southwest Missouri reveals a plethora of flea markets of all sizes, from the barn and yard on a family farm to large, modern prefabricated buildings.

Helen Brown, manager of the Hilltop Flea Market on Missouri Highway 112, south of Cassville, said more flea markets mean more shoppers.

"If we had flea markets all up and down this road it would help us out a lot," Brown said. "I have people come in here and shop and when they are done ask me where the next (flea market) is."

Sandy James, owner of the Traders Mart, about a mile south of the Hilltop, said flea marketers in that area work together to help customers find what they need.

"We're rather like a little family here," James said.

Marilyn Liggett, owner of The Red Barn, on County Highway P just south of U.S. Highway 86, said "the more flea markets you have in the area, the more people you draw. Look at Branson."

Shopping at flea markets is more than just a trip to the store for many people.

"It more like a habit," James said. "It's like a bug—once you get bit, you're done. That goes for dealers as well as cus-

RECREATIONAL NEEDS



Bruce McNeil, 3, and his father Boyd of Pea Ridge, Ark., contemplate the purchase of a fishing pole at the Traders Mart in Cassville, Mo.

tomers."

Location also plays a big part in the success of a flea market. Liggett said she has a waiting list of dealers for her store because of its prime location.

"We have an advantage in that we have a lot of space and can do yard-sale-like outside displays," she said.

Location can also effect what merchandise a flea market carries. Brown said the Hilltop caters to fishermen headed for Roaring River State Park.

"We keep a lot of fishing supplies in stock," she said. "We also have a great book trade. We have wives who are at the

park with their husbands, so they come in to buy a book to read while their husbands are fishing."

Flea markets in this area, around Cassville, Roaring River, and Eureka Springs, Ark., rely heavily on the tourist trade, but that is not their entire customer base.

"We have a lot of collectors on some of the big stuff," James said. "Collectors are on a collecting craze these days. We also have dealers on some of our small stuff."

Liggett said dealers provide a big portion of her customers, too.

"We have a lot of dealers looking for good buys that they can resell," she said. "Some items we sell will go from dealer to dealer to dealer before it ever gets to a collector."

While there is a sort of mystique surrounding flea markets, owners say something more basic is driving their business.

"Because people are often buying a used item, they can get a bargain on a coffee pot or a piece of dinner ware," Liggett said. "People can also just get one item, while in the mall they will pay more for the item and have to buy the whole set."

Are flea markets in danger of

dying out or killing themselves because of competition? James doesn't think so.

"We've had a super winter season," James said. "I don't know what to attribute it to, but we have had a great November, December, January, and February. (Christmas) can't explain January, and February."

The dealers are out there to support even more flea markets, Liggett said.

"Any new place that opens will attract dealers. I haven't had to advertise for dealers—in fact I have a waiting list."

JOPLIN

People 'brag' about bargains

By HEIDI WEAVER
STAFF WRITER

One man's trash is another man's treasure, or at least that's what owners and dealers at flea markets hope.

One of the biggest attractions of flea markets is the extremely low prices of items ranging from tools to old records to clothes to anything else imaginable.

"Everybody—I don't care who they are—everybody likes a bargain," said LaVerne Miller, president and treasurer of Joplin Flea Market, Inc., 12th and Virginia.

Another big attraction of flea markets is collectible items. Miller said many of the dealers work hard to keep changing their merchandise and bringing in new collectibles.

"Everybody is hunting a collectible," said Max Reynolds, owner of the Rusty Nail Flea Market at 3004 Silver Creek Road in Joplin. "People like to sit around and brag about something they bought cheaper than what it's really worth."

Competition among flea markets in Joplin is keen. Reynolds said the more flea markets there are, the more people come from other towns to Joplin to shop.

"I would like to have six (flea markets) right across the street," he said. "The more there are, the more people it brings in from out of town."

People come from all over the United States to hunt new bargains in Joplin. Miller, who said flea markets bring considerable activity into the community, has seen people from as far away as California.

"Flea markets bring business into Joplin," she said. "They (customers) stay in our motels and eat in our restaurants."

A new trend in flea markets is to mix antiques with handmade crafts. Many of the flea markets in the Joplin area have separate booths for antiques and arts and crafts.

"Some (people), all they come in for are the crafts, and others come for the antiques," said Stacie Clingan, manager of the North Main Street Antiques/Crafts Mall and Flea Market in Joplin. "I think it makes a great combination."

CARTHAGE AND DIAMOND

The option to 'dicker' missing in new markets

Sellers do not 'sit with merchandise'

By P.J. GRAHAM
MANAGING EDITOR

With the recent trend of flea markets infesting the market, there are several prospects concerning whether the shops will continue to grow or will simply overpopulate themselves.

That the markets have dramatically increased in number is unquestionable. Diamond Flea Market's Loyd Hunt, Jr., has been in the business approximately four years and can testify to that.

"When I first started in this, I used to go down to Wichita and there were no flea markets," he said. "Last year, I went up there and there are three flea markets now—it has changed that much in two years."

Several Carthage flea markets believe competition between such businesses does not exist; quite to the opposite, many say the number of flea markets does not hurt the selling power of any one flea market.

"Everyone's got interesting and different items," said Wanda Lowery, employee at Dean's Antique Mall & Flea Market. "So people shop at all the flea markets; they don't just shot at one."

Hunt said there are customers who are "flea marketers." The owners of the Oldies & Oddities Mall, one of three flea

markets on or near the Carthage square, agree. In fact, Bob and Roberta Sade (the husband and wife team owners) share an advertisement with another Carthage flea market run by friends of theirs, God's Mall.

However, just as the range of

one of a handful of people who make up the comparatively smaller Diamond market, believes the way flea markets are being run today goes against the very notion on which the markets were conceived.

"They've outgrown themselves," he said. "People no longer sit with their merchandise. 98 percent of people want to (dicker)—they want to get that price down."

How can you dicker if you're not there to do it? They (the customers) are bound by the price that's on it."

Minus the opportunity to "dicker" over dollars and cents, Hunt says, customers are losing out on one of the advantages of the flea markets. He likens this form of retail to the rummage sale.

"I don't care what price they've got on it," he said, "you always ask for bottom dollar. That's what it is all about."

Hunt also believes many people getting into business of flea markets may be fooling themselves if they believe they can earn a substantial living alone off owning of the markets.

"You've got to have some other income," he said. "It (his profit) pays about 60 percent of my bills; but I'm a

rare person—you have to work at it."

The Diamond shop is connected with Satellites Unlimited, and Hunt says the two businesses need each other.

"If it wasn't for the two businesses connected," he said, "the flea market wouldn't last."

There is one thing the different flea marketers can agree on; getting sellers as well as buyers is not a problem.

Both of the Carthage stores say that a month before they opened, they advertised some and have since had no shortage of merchandise.

"We filled up real fast," Lowery said. "They come to us."

The Sade couple, with few connections at the get-go, had few

snags in this area.

"We started absolutely cold-turkey," Roberta Sade said. "We didn't know anybody; we had to advertise. But we've kept our dealers."

Hunt, who has found much of his merchandise by buying old buildings and repairing the items within, said goods to fill the shelves is never hard to find.

"I trade a lot; and I buy things, fix 'em up, and resell them," he said. "There is always somebody needing money and willing to give something for it."

WHAT TO BUY?



Lyndi Horine of Joplin consults with Bill Robb of Neosho about jewelry Robb is offering at his booth at the Joplin Flea Market at 12th and Virginia. The Joplin Flea Market is open every weekend.